

Don Fitch and Chris Barnes
PA Story Book X
Townsend

CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES
537 Peebles St. 2nd floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

DON FITCH
11 Hobbs Rd
Tonkhamnock, PA 18657

DON FITCH & CHRIS BARNES OF PA

Photo of Don and his wife

Don's E-mails

1910 Fitch Reunion at Winola, PA

Rundown of the Fitches there

Chris Barnes of the Townsend line

Chris's E-mails

Townsend Ancestral File information

Chris's Townsend family group sheets

Continuing correspondence

*Wishing You an
Olde Fashioned
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*
Don & Dawn Fitch



DON FITCH, status

FITCH FAMILY John Fitch of PA, Nathaniel Fitch, Giles Fitch, Asher
Fitch, Albert Fitch, William Fitch, Donald Fitch, Don

Address: Don Fitch
11 Hobbs Road
Tunkhannock, PA, 18657

E-mail: dfitch@metlife.com

1st Contact: October 1999

Status: November 1, 1999.....Sent packet with Nath. And Sarah's photos,
plus a few more, like Sarah and her cow and think I sent the wills,
deeds, etc. of John Fitch and Norwalk Fitches.
About 5 pages. Sent photo also of the Fitch brothers, an 1884 reunion
photo. Waiting to hear from him.

Don Fitch

Donald Fitch and Ruth Carpenter

William Fitch and Amelia Allen

Albert Fitch and Sarah Turner

Asher Fitch and Rachel Miller

Giles Fitch and Emily Goodale

Nathaniel Fitch I and Sarah Keeler

John Fitch and

John Fitch and Elizabeth Beers

Nathaniel Fitch and Elizabeth

John Fitch and Rebecca Lindall

Thomas Fitch and

MR. FOOD, OOH IT'S SO GOOD!! and the Mr. Food® caricature logo are trademarks of Ginsburg Enterprises Incorporated. Recipes and other Mr. Food® materials may not be reprinted without the express written permission of Ginsburg Enterprises Incorporated.

Copyright © 1999 Ginsburg Enterprises Incorporated, all rights reserved

7

7

7

Subj:
Date: 10/9/99 3:28:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com

Betty, It was great to see your query in LEST WE FORGET September issue. I searched for the original cemetery for years as that was supposed to be adjacent to the Nathaniel Fitch family homestead.

I am a descendant of Nathaniel Fitch who came to Falls, Pa with his brother Gideon and father John in 1787.

Nathaniel had 12 children and I am descendant from the second oldest son Giles. I know the 3rd oldest son Nathaniel JR. 1806-1877 died in Ft. Wayne, IN...are you descendant from him? Giles and Nathaniel JR. worked as partners as blacksmiths in the manufacture of guns. My grandfather had possession of these guns until they got mixed up in the estate of a friend who passed away unexpectedly. I still have some of the homemade carving tools. As for a picture of the cemetery I can't help you but I might know who can. I sometimes mow the cemetery in the summer when the grass gets high and I met a woman there one day while mowing who stopped me and informed me she used to be a Fitch. I told her how long I have been looking for the original site of the cemetery and it turns out she lives right next to it. Her name is **Geniveve** (spelling) **Weaver** and she just turned 90 this year. She remembers the homestead next to the cemetery and she remembers when they were moving the cemetery they found a **ruby ring that belonged to her grandmother...**they asked her if she wanted it but she asked them to re-bury it. It turns out another family member took possession of the ring. The **homestead house and barn** have just the stone foundations left..(I took some field stones from the house foundation to use as the sidewalk to my house) . If you find any pictures or information on Nathaniel Fitch or his father John I would greatly appreciate it. I too will gladly pay costs. The information I have on John Fitch is very contradictory. My great Aunt from California who has recently passed away had often told me of great Fitch reunions at the family homestead around 1910-1915 where the Fitches from all around gathered and talked about the greatness of Fitch pioneers. I am trying to get in contact with Genny Weaver through a friend of hers and will let you know if I succeed. I didn't feel comfortable just knocking on her door. I could ramble on for hours here ...as with any trip to the historical society usually lasts the entire day.

Looking forward to your response!

Sincerely,

Don Fitch 35 dfitch@metlife.com

Headers

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>

Received: from rly-yb02.mx.aol.com (rly-yb02.mail.aol.com [172.18.146.2]) by air-yb01.mail.aol.com (vx) with ESMTP; Sat, 09 Oct 1999 15:28:00 -0400

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (host.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-yb02.mx.aol.com (vx) with ESMTP; Sat, 09 Oct 1999 15:27:56 -0400

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

X-Juno-Line-Breaks: 0-3,417-420
X-Juno-Att: 0
ME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: "K. K Fitch" <kkfitch@juno.com>

Dear Don,

So glad to hear from you. Will tell you a little about our connection with the Fitches of PA.

Yes, my husband, Warren is a descendant of Nathaniel Fitch, Jr. who came to Indiana about 1832. He was a blacksmith here too, and the story goes that there was not enough work for both of them so Nate took off with his gun and 15 cents and walked to Indiana. He was a great walker, and did not care to ride on horses. For several years he worked on the Wabash and Erie Canal and made a lot of the iron locks etc., between the Wabash and Fort Wayne. Then he married in 1840 and established his homestead and family. They had 15 children. He married Sarah DeLong who was born in Ohio, but pioneered with her sister here and that is how Nathaniel met her. They were the first couple married in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN. We live about 6 miles from the homestead at this time. Nathaniel was my husband's great great grandfather. In fact his father had some of the farm land that had been purchased by Nathaniel. At one time he owned over 2000 acres locally and several farms in Iowa. It is rather interesting that the homestead was finally sold to a gravel and cement business and they have made a gravel pit out of a part of it. Interesting because of the fact that apparently that was what happened to the John Fitch farm in PA. At least they have certainly dug up where the cemetery was.

We were there for a visit in 1996 and did get to the cemetery and took a lot of photos, but of course, it was of the new cemetery and the Roberts stones. We just lucked out and happened to find it. It is a long story, but met Del Durland who directed us to Vera Fitch Davis and she showed us where the cemetery was. We were only able to stay for a day. Stayed overnight in Wilkes Barre and got to the library there, but the Historical Society was closed at that time. But when we found Vera and the Cemetery we considered our trip a success. Then we went on to Connecticut and Massachusetts to see some of the sights. It was our first trip to New England. Do you know Vera? She descends from Spencer.

I have a Family Tree Maker program, but have just had it about 6 months and have put a lot in it, but then I have worked on about 30 or more families in both our lines so have quite a bit. We are lucky here to be able to trace most of our family back about 5 generations right here in this area, Allen County, IN. Both of our families pioneered here or elsewhere in Indiana and then moved here.

so I am in contact with several Fitches or Fitch descendants who have been very helpful. Along with a lady in California we have been doing quite a bit of searching in the Thomas Fitch family in Norwalk, Stamford, New Canaan, and Fairfield. She is very thorough and we both believe the Fitch line in Falls, PA, is from the Thomas family of Norwalk. When we first became interested in genealogy about 1970 the local family put out a book on Nathaniel's branch and some of the elder ladies had the genealogy worked out to go back to Rev. James Fitch through his John line. It was even printed in our book, but it never rang true to me when I really looked into it. They even had Governor Bradford in the line of ancestors. Finally after I retired, I began to look into the Thomas line and when I got my computer, soon had several contacts and they seemed to agree with me that Thomas was the family source. Then when John Townsend Fitch put out his books on Rev. James Fitch, it was pretty clear that the line in our local book was in error and it was not possible to come down in the way they said we did. So now we continue to search. Guess we would like to know what you have found out about the background of the PA Fitch family and just where John came from. It can be confusing. I will give you the line that we think may be correct, but we are always open to anything that we may have missed. We think this is the probable or possible line:

1. Thomas Fitch and Anne Stacie
2. John Fitch and Rebecca Lindall
3. Nathaniel Fitch and Elizabeth
4. John Fitch and Elizabeth Beers
5. John Fitch and maybe Elizabeth Lockwood
This would be the John that came to PA in 1787-89
6. Gideon and Nathaniel Fitch
7. Nathaniel Fitch, who came to Indiana (brother of Giles)
8. Mathias Fitch and Frances Vandolah
9. John Fitch and Rosa Belle Holoopeter
10. Otis Fitch and Esther Doll
11. Warren Fitch (my husband) and me, Betty Brown
12. our kids, Cathy, Carol, John, and Larry
13. Grandkids, we have a dozen

This should give you an idea where we are coming from. I had sent to the Wyoming Historical Society and ordered all their

(

X-11

past publications so I have the Fitch info in them. Guess I have a little about Giles and his family, Emily and the kids, but would like stories etc. if they are available. When it comes to photos all we have is of our Nathaniel and Sarah and their children. Nothing any further back. Surely someone has some of those, but so far have found no one who does. Vera did not kick that far and my California contact who comes from Abigail and Jacob Sickler, does not have anything that far back either. Would be glad to make some copies and send them especially of Nathaniel Jr. and Sarah DeLong. I would like to have a photo of Giles and Emily if there is one.

We have had Fitch reunions here since 1884. Well, actually the first one was in 1884 and then they were not regular until about 1900 and then they never missed a year until recently. We started going in the 60's. This summer we had a huge one here in Fort Wayne. My husband and I were pretty much in charge of it at this end although our family historian lives in Lexington, MA. Guess that is the reason we had it on our shoulders. We do have a lot of relatives in the area, but they came from Michigan, California, Washington, Florida, and all over too. This time we 140 Fitches and had a get-to-gether on Friday evening where we had all our pictures and books and old stuff, and then a carry-in dinner on Saturday, and then capped it off with a Sunday morning brunch. Gave us enough time to visit and for the out of towners to visit the old homestead and cemeteries and other interesting places.

Talk about rambling on.....there is no place to stop, is there?? Let me know what you think about our family line and perhaps what I can do to help you further your search and information. And let me know if you are successful in contacting with Genny Weaver.

Warren and I are just hitting 70 years. Both retired and busier than ever. Do I read it right that you are 35?? If so you are just a youngster yet!! Our children are in their 40's.

Betty Fitch, wife of Warren Fitch

Subj: Re: Fitches from PA
Date: 10/10/99 8:57:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Dear Betty,

I can't tell you how glad I was to get your response to my letter. Yes, I am 35, I work in Corporate Network Support for MetLife. I'm getting married next year. My fiancée also has Fitch in her line but I haven't been able to make the connection. My family has lived within a 25 mile radius for the past 213 years, and I love it here.

I have found a couple interesting newspaper clippings at the historical society. One concerning John Fitch as he was plowing his fields in Falls he found several artifacts belonging to the Tories. I believe one of the artifacts was a plow. It's amazing to think of them settling here so soon after the Wyoming massacre and Was this Tory land before the massacre? I had the exact same doubts as you when I read through the genealogy that traced us back to Rev. James Fitch. I believe Jesse Davenport wrote this up. I also found the line that you believe as true that was given to the historical society by Ann Hassold of California. This is also the line I believe to be true and the line I am investigating. I found 3 totally different lines at the historical society, one other line from a Gertrude Campbell who is descendant from Seymore who was the oldest of Nathaniel's children. I'm not sure on this one either. I would like to find exactly who came to PA and who stayed behind in CT. There is a Jonathan Fitch who came to Wilkes-barre in 1745 and married Ester Sill in 1775, he was high sheriff of Westmoreland for 5 years, sold his property in 1787 and possibly went to New York. I have also found several holes in this story and I don't believe he's related but I'm not sure. Westmoreland was directly across the river near where Gideon settled. There is also a very old Fitch cemetery over there with all of Gideon's family. Gideon was supposedly the half-brother of Nathaniel. I've decided to limit my trace to Gideon as that is an easier name to trace than John.....If I can only find direct proof of where Gideon was born and his father, brothers and sisters... ..Also back to the Jonathan Fitch who was high sheriff, I found a very interesting article on his wife, and how she "barely escaped the murderous tomahawk" with seven children, another woman and a guide, all of them in a canoe on the Susquehanna river and ended up in Harrisburg several days later. They did meet someone on the river who gave them provisions. It's amazing what hardships they had to endure!!!!

I also have all of the John T Fitch books and have purchased copies for my Uncles at Christmas.

As far as pictures goes, everything was sold at auction in the mid 1970s ...pictures, family bible, and who knows what all. Boy, I wish I was there!!!! Every time I go to an antique store I look at the family bibles and the backs of all the pictures. Do you possibly have the pictures of Nate Fitch scanned or do you have copies. I would really love to see them. Nate sounds exactly as I've heard of all of that family, very strong in character and integrity.

I will also have to inquire on Vera Fitch Davis at the historical society. I have not met her.

Well, here I go again... rambling

Thank you very much for brightening my day, I couldn't wait to call everyone when I received your letter.

If you are interested in anything I mention just let me know, I don't have

access to a scanner but I will gladly copy the articles and mail them to you.

Sincerely,
Don Fitch

son of Donald Fitch and Ruth Carpenter

William Fitch and Amelia Allen

Albert Fitch and Sarah Turner

Asher Fitch and Rachel Miller (Asher went to the gold

fields of California

but as the story goes, they were rolled for their money

and came

back broke, but bought the farm next to his fathers)

Giles Fitch and Emily Goodale

Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Keeler

Headers

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>

Received: from rly-zb01.mx.aol.com (rly-zb01.mail.aol.com [172.31.41.1]) by air-zb05.mail.aol.com (vx) with ESMTP; Sun, 10 Oct 1999 20:57:09 -0400

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (host.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-zb01.mx.aol.com (v61.13) with ESMTP; Sun, 10 Oct 1999 20:57:01 -0400

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>

To: <WFitch5413@aol.com>

Message-ID: <85256807.0003FB7F.00@metlife.com>

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1999 20:57:15 -0400

Subject: Re: Fitches from PA

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-WSS-ID: 141FED32185607-01-02

X-WSS-ID: 141FEC8D210634-01-02

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring the integrity of the financial system and for providing a clear audit trail. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions, including the use of standardized forms and the requirement for double-checking entries.

The following table provides a summary of the key findings from the audit. It details the areas where discrepancies were identified and the steps taken to resolve them. The table is organized into columns for the date of the finding, the description of the issue, the responsible party, and the status of the resolution.

Date	Description of Issue	Responsible Party	Status
10/15/2023	Discrepancy in the recording of a large transaction.	John Doe	Resolved
10/16/2023	Missing documentation for a transaction.	Jane Smith	In Progress
10/17/2023	Incorrect classification of an expense.	Mike Johnson	Resolved
10/18/2023	Unexplained variance in the monthly total.	Sarah Lee	Under Review
10/19/2023	Failure to update the ledger with recent transactions.	David Kim	Resolved

The audit also identified several areas for improvement. These include the need for more frequent reconciliations, the implementation of a new software system to streamline the recording process, and the requirement for more comprehensive training for the staff. The final section of the document provides a list of recommendations and a timeline for their implementation.

Hi Don,

Wonderful to hear back from you so soon. I will do my best to work my way through your letter and see what answers I can give you and what questions I might have for you.

First, if you want to give me what line you have on your fiancée that pertains to the Fitch family, I will see if we have anything to match that. With one of my co-horts in California we have a pretty nice sized data base that we try to help other folks. Maybe we just might have something to fit with her background. No promises, but you never can tell.

What a joy to live in the same place for so long! I somewhat understand that as with ours we have many ancestors that pioneered here in Indiana and most 150 to 175 years or so. One family in Southern Indiana came about 1810 so we are approaching 200 years with that family. It can be a lot easier to research a family when you are near to the source.

Yes, I do have some information on John Fitch finding and plowing up some relics on his farm along the Susquehanna River. I found that in the "Narrative of Zuriel Sherwood" which was in some of the "Lest We Forget" issues. But it was just a few lines and nothing more than what you have stated. I think there were Tories in most places in Colonial America as they estimate that at least one third of the folks were of the Tory persuasion. In fact, there were many in the Norwalk Fitch family that might have fallen into that category, at least for a time. It was preached in their churches and those who were loyal, conservative and religious people felt that they must not disobey the King. Many had changes of mind as the war drug on. In fact in the Lockwood family, several of the brothers of Elizabeth Lockwood were on the English side. There is a paragraph in the "Loyalists of America" that gives Nathan Fitch, and John Fitch as possible enemies and some of the other in-laws in the family, like William Bolt. Do you by any chance have a copy of Halls "Ancient Records of Norwalk"? It was reprinted several times and I purchased a copy from the Norwalk Historical Society. It gives some information on this.

Hard to believe there was not a lot of hard feelings after the war was over with those who might have leaned toward England and the King. I had wondered how, if John might have been a Tory, how he could be accepted in the society near Wilkes-Barre who suffered so heavily at the time of the Wyoming Massacre. But there must have been a lot of forgiveness too. It was time to move on and build the United States.

I have not heard of Jesse Davenport. Who was he? I am not sure where our folks here in Fort Wayne got the story of Rev. James being the ancestor, but there was a report done in the 1940s by an "unknown researcher" (unknown to us anyway) that gave great doubts about that story and pointed us to Thomas Fitch, but these elder Fitch ladies seemed to not pay much attention to that, and went right along with the Rev. James theory, and had it printed up in our book that was given to the members of our Indiana Fitch family. In fact, it was just by chance that I happened to get a copy of this report, and when I did and began to have doubts about Rev. James, the lady I got it from claimed "amnesia" about the whole thing and said she knew nothing about it. I began to wonder if she was not more interested in being in the Mayflower Society and the DAR than to getting at the truth of the matter. There was a few years between the time I first read it and when I tried to get more information from her and in that time the book had been published for our family and some put in a few local libraries. No one in the family seemed to know anything about the report and just by chance I had typed off a copy for myself, so it was not lost. It has resurfaced now in the past few years and we are now planning some kind of a disclaimer on the Rev. James connection. These elderly ladies are no longer with us and so no one will be hurt by it we hope.

But at this time we can only give it as a theory that the family came from Thomas, but we have more proof than just our outline of ancestors that I gave to you. Yes, I have been in contact with Ann Hassold, and she has just made the trip to PA this past fall and entered her information into the Historical Society. Ann is a very good researcher and has a lot of information. I actually contacted her after buying all the WHS publications and found her query in one of them. And she was still living in the same place and responded to me right away. She has done quite a bit of research in the Salt Lake City Library, and has made copies of documents of wills, deeds, etc., that pertains to the Fitch family in Norwalk. She was the first person who had also found the Elizabeth Beers/John Fitch connection that I found in Jacobus. So she gave me what information she found about that. She has a copy of the will of Elizabeth Beers Fitch Elis in which she names her husband as John Fitch, deceased, her son as John Fitch, and her grandchildren as John Fitch, Junr, Gideon Fitch, and Susanna Fitch along with Nathaniel Fitch King, Sarah King, and Elizabeth King, whose mother was Elizabeth Fitch, Sister to John Fitch. Elizabeth married David King in 1767 at Greens Farms near Norwalk. We have a pretty good description of that family with and contracts that connect them to the Beers family of Weston and Fairfield. The will of Elizabeth Beers Fitch Elis was written in 1777 which would have been too early for Nathaniel's birth, but after Gideon was born in 1771, so there is a very good chance that this could be our John Fitch who came to PA. All the contracts stop about 1786 when he sold his homestead in Norwalk and he is found no longer in the Norwalk area. And we do find our John Fitch in PA in the 1790 census

and also find that David King is there too by 1800.

The only other John Fitch we find in the Norwalk area at the time was John, son of Theophilus, and apparently he married Maria Wheaton, and his family was found in the New Canaan area of Norwalk, while this other John seems to have been more in the Fairfield, Weston area on the east side of Norwalk. There is much we do not know, but from all indications this Weston John Fitch could be the John we are looking for.

We also believe that John Fitch who married Elizabeth Beers was the son of Nathaniel Fitch. We know by his will that he had a son John who was his eldest who was still living in 1743 when Nathaniel died. However, he may have died in 1748 and left minor children and Elizabeth later married Henry Elis and the will is found under the name of Elizabeth Elis. We have no direct proof that this is the same John but the places they lived seem to be in the same area.

And then we know that Nathaniel was the son of John Fitch and Rebecca Lindall and that John was the son of Thomas.

The other thing we need to have more proof of is that John, son of John and Elizabeth married Elizabeth Lockwood in Weston in 1766. Some John Fitch did. The Lockwood family is an interesting study and Elizabeth Lockwood had a brother, Gideon, and her grandfather was Gideon Morehouse, her mother's father. So Gideon was a family name in the Lockwood family.

A lot to say that we do have quite a bit of information, but are always looking for just one more piece to put the puzzle together. So any little clue you might have run across could just help us all along. My husband and I had just one day in Norwalk while we were there and not enough time to do much research at all. Would love to go back there, but probably the Salt Lake City Library has nearly everything we might find in Norwalk anyway.

Jonathan Fitch and Esther Sill.....You will find information on this in JT Fitch's book "Next 5 Generations Book" on page 239. He comes from Rev. James Fitch and he had left for New York before our John got there. There have been some close connections with Rev. James and Thomas's families and I have no doubt that they knew each other if nothing else, through the Susquehanna Company and their dealings in the Luzerne, PA area. What have you found about him that does not fit in with John T's account?? The Susquehanna Papers have some about him as do most histories about Luzerne County.

What a shame to lose photos to strangers in auctions. I feel for you there as in 1974 another of my husband's families, the Shillings, had an auction and they even put up for sale the chalk drawings of the Shilling grandparents, the pioneers to Indiana in the early 1800's, complete in their frames. I was at the auction, with not a lot of money at the time, and someone else got the pictures for the frames. I had already spent more than \$200 on a huge copper applebutter kettle and stirrer, and a yarn winder, and so I went as high as the money I had left on the photos, and lost them. But after it was all over, I went to the lady and asked if she wanted the frames or the photos and she was not of the family, so she parted with the photos and kept the frames, but she made me "pay" for them!! I had been the one to run the price up so she was not too happy with me. But finally paid her half what she paid and got the pictures and so they are on our bedroom wall in other frames at this time, so it worked out well, but I never could figure out in such a family how they could possibly put all that up for sale and not offer them at least to other members of the family.

I will make a lazer copy of Nathaniel and Sarah and just send them to you, but guess I need your mailing address to do that. Don't think you gave that to me. I can do it at Office DePot and the charge is very little. Since I make so many copies I cannot really afford to have regular photos made, so found that the copies are almost as good when put into a protective sleeve. I have even made some to frame and they are as good in a frame as a heavy photo at a fraction of the price. They also say they will last forever. Not sure about that, but next time I head for Office Depot will make you a copy and send it to you.

You may want to contact Ann Hassold yourself, but if you do be sure to mention that you had been in contact with me so she won't have to start from the beginning. I can and will drop her an e-mail to see if she cares about what I give to you. My guess is that if you want copies of wills, etc. she will do it for you, as I will, if I have her permission. A lot of this is her work, but I have some I can share also on wills and land contracts from my "unknown researcher's" report. I had things she did not have and she had things that I did not have, so guess both of us have pretty much the same at this time. But the Salt Lake City research is hers.

As for Vera Fitch Davis, she lives in the Tunkhannock area and is married to Milan Davis and live not too far from the Roberts Cemetery. She knows very little about the family genealogy except what I have sent to her. She also when I was there had

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The second part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The third part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The fourth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The fifth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The sixth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The seventh part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The eighth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The ninth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

The tenth part of the report deals with the work done during the year, and a summary of the results. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done during the year, and a summary of the results.

the work of a researcher from Florida which I copied. He was born in 1913 and we have not been able to contact him now for about 4 years. No answer, so believe that he may be either dead or blind as he said he was losing his eyesight. At least he has not answered us. His name was Charles William Fitch. He had done quite a bit of research, but on the family we were interested in, in Norwalk, he had generated quite a few errors. I am sure his own family line is probably correct up to where he fits into the PA family, but back past that he gets into some trouble. He comes from the Seymour, and Orlando Seymour families.

All that to say that Vera no doubt would be glad to meet you, but doesn't have a lot other than the book of C.W. Fitch to go on, but she does have an old written history done by Pearl Fitch Deihl, again full of errors but interesting. They did not have as good a way to research as we do now, so did the best they could with what they had.

By the way, during the life time of Nathaniel and Giles, Nathaniel made a trip back East to visit with Giles and the family, and some of the brothers came to Indiana to visit with Nate. Seymour was one that was said to make a visit to Indiana. Also a son of Abigail Fitch and Jacob Sickler, came to Indiana to make his home for a while and we have a photo of him, Jefferson Sickler. He was in back in Ann's family line.

Talk about writing a book, I have done that, but no place to stop as there is so much to tell and share. This should give you something to chew on for a while. If possible would like to have information on the line of Jesse Davenport and Gertrude Campbell. Sounds like maybe Gertrude might be in the line of C.W. Fitch from Florida.

Waiting to here more from you,

Betty Fitch

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for ensuring that all parties involved are held accountable for their actions.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps that must be followed to ensure that all information is captured accurately and that the records are easily accessible and auditable.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of the auditor in verifying the accuracy of the records. It explains how the auditor's findings can be used to identify areas for improvement and to ensure that the financial system is operating effectively and efficiently.

Subj: **Re: More about the Fitches**
Date: 10/11/99 5:40:52 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Dear Betty,

You certainly cleared a few of my questions, and gave me a more precise direction to investigate. Thank you! I will definitely be spending this Saturday at the historical society! We have such an extensive library and after all the hours I have spent there I still believe I have only touched the surface, but now I have a better direction to go in I think I will be more successful.

Jesse Davenport (probably short for Jessica) is the one who gave us a copy of the Fitch line that traces to Rev James Fitch and we had always thought that she was the one who researched it. I don't believe she is related. I may have been mistaken.

If you get a chance I would really love to have a copy of the picture and will pay whatever the cost. A laser copy sounds great!!!!

Don Fitch 11 Hobbs road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

I will let you know anything I find this weekend.

Sincerely,
Don

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>
Received: from rly-zc03.mx.aol.com (rly-zc03.mail.aol.com [172.31.33.3]) by air-zc01.mail.aol.com (v62.10) with ESMTP; Mon, 11 Oct 1999 17:40:52 -0400
Received: from metint45.metlife.com (host.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-zc03.mx.aol.com (v61.13) with ESMTP; Mon, 11 Oct 1999 17:40:40 -0400
X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea
X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc
From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>
To: <WFitch5413@aol.com>
Message-ID: <85256807.0075F3B5.00@metlife.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 17:42:07 -0400
Subject: Re: More about the Fitches
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-WSS-ID: 141C890A329506-01-02
X-WSS-ID: 141C890B375190-01-02
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Don,

Will get this in the mail to you tomorrow if possible. I had planned to send a large one of Nathaniel, but after finding this page in our family newsletter, decided that it is the same one, and perhaps both Nathaniel and Sarah would be best. The newsletter is put out by our historian and we usually have one after a reunion and then maybe more in between times. The page was one that told how we could order portraits of Nate and Sarah if we wanted them. It was a few years ago. I did buy some 8 x10s and framed them and they are on the bedroom wall with a lot of other ancestors!! So just disregard the words, I sent them for the photos. It is the only one we have of Nathaniel. The only difference in them at all is that the clothes have been made to look different in a couple poses that we have. The face is just the same. We have many of Sarah as she lived until 1908 and so had portraits and pictures snapped by camera too. Have a really nice one of her and her cow! Anyway I am also sending one of the boys. There is no picture like this of the girls except for separate photos taken. We have photos of several reunions like the 1884 one and the early 1900s which have Sarah and lots of the kids and grandkids. I guess we can be thankful that we do even have one of Nathaniel as it seems there aren't too many to be had of his brothers and sisters. Maybe there are out there somewhere, but just need to persist in digging them out of hiding!

It is interesting to us that this one of Perry looks exactly like our youngest son Larry. In fact I sat him down and took a snapshot of him and the resemblance is amazing. He has the mustache and beard and wears his hair about the same length. And his ancestor was Mathias and not Perry, but Perry would have been an "uncle", a couple generations back.

Hope your weekend at the Historical Society went well. I sent Ann Hassold an e-mail and she said I could share anything she has given me with you, should you want it. She has worked some on the Keeler family too but we do have it back to Ralph Keeler and the Burts and Whitneys etc., but she has not sent me all her data on those as they are pretty straight forward. It was the Fitch line where we ran into the difficulties. One of the places that it would be best to look is in the New Canaan and Weston areas of CT. The Lockwood name is one that we need to search in the land records and deeds. That might lead us into more deeds and seems those are the best places to find the answers we are looking for. Problem is I am not sure it can be done from a distance. As yet I have not gone to the local LDS library but there is one. Since we have our local Fort Wayne Genealogy Department, and it is rated 2nd in the country, besides the LDS in Salt Lake City, I should be able to find everything available, but I just have not had the time. But before you look for deeds you should pretty well have the family well in mind with all the names that might tie together. That way you won't overlook a connection. But it takes time and a lot of study. Tell me what things you might be interested in having and I will do my best to get them to you.

And don't forget to fill me in on your fiance and her Fitch connection. We don't want to leave her out. Is she as interested in genealogy as you are? Hope so as 2 is always better than one!

Betty

Subj: Re: More about the Fitches
Date: 11/2/99 2:15:06 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
WFitch5413@aol.com

File: jfitch.jpg (16300 bytes)
DL Time (38666 bps): < 1 minute

Hi Betty,

WOW !!! I am speechless!!!! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the pictures and notes you sent me. What a treasure it is to have these pictures and the stories to go behind them. I can't thank you enough for sharing them with me!!!!

I'm very grateful to learn anything about the Nathaniel Fitch sr family. I think learning about Nathaniel jr. gives me great insight to Giles and his character,... them being two of the older boys in such a large family and growing up basically isolated on their farm in the wilderness of Falls, Pa.. (I'm sure Nathaniel jr. started walking long distances as a young boy). Especially knowing Nathaniel jr. and Giles were both in business together here in Pa. What great pioneers they were and the hardships they had to endure along with the great strides they made in their community are really something to be proud of and not forgotten.

I haven't had the chance to go to the historical society yet, I've had to work the last two weekends and now I'm on night shift, but you have gotten me real anxious to go. I used to go every week but I haven't been there two times in the last year. I now have a better direction to go in that I feel is much more accurate, and you are absolutely right, it is important to really know and study the families you are researching because it is very easy to miss something. (and John was a very popular name)....

As far as these pictures gowow. In the one picture of the boys, the one is a Sickler (a cousin). I don't have the picture or my documentation in front of me now but I do know that one of Nathaniel jr. sisters married a Sickler. Is this perhaps her son in the picture? Off the top of my head I think it may have been his sister Mary who married a Sickler, and I don't recall if there are any Sicklers in the Fitch cemetery (I know there are many in the Roberts cemetery). Maybe the sister came to Indiana with her family also? I also love the picture of Sarah and her cow!! I assume that was the homestead house in the background and also at the reunion picture.... The reunion picture is also another real gem to have, and the quality of each of the pictures is great! One note mentioned that the family historian lives in an 1830's house,... is it the Fitch house in which they live in?

I also need to brush up on my history. It is so much more interesting once you realize what role your own family played in it. The only thing I knew of the Tories was of the role they played as accomplice to the Indians in the Wyoming massacre, and how John Fitch settled on Tory land only a few short years after the massacre. There is obviously much I don't know.

Well, you can bet I'll be sending you anything I find that I think you may not have or may be interested in. Your historical society sounds great but I think your right...a trip to Connecticut would probably yield the most information....I had taken a trip with my Uncle several years ago to a library he wanted me to see, concerning the information they had on the Fitch family, I believe it was in Norwalk, but it was a day trip from my cousin's house, on a Sunday and the library was closed. We had talked about returning someday...we'll have to change someday to someday soon.

Again ...Thank you very much !!!!!!!

Don

PS ...I guess I'm never really speechless, as I stated, when it comes to this

Subject. Hope you can make sense of my ramblings..

Also here is a picture of John Fitch and his steamboat. I'm not sure how
distantly he is related but I use his picture as my wallpaper.....he is
another interesting story.

(See attached file: jfitch.jpg)

Headers

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>

Received: from rly-zd01.mx.aol.com (rly-zd01.mail.aol.com [172.31.33.225]) by air-zd04.mail.aol.com (v62.15) with ESMTP;
Tue, 02 Nov 1999 02:15:05 -0500

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (host.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-zd01.mx.aol.com (v62.10) with ESMTP; Tue,
02 Nov 1999 02:14:47 -0500

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>

To: <WFitch5413@aol.com>

Message-ID: <8525681D.0026A43A.00@metlife.com>

Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 02:16:16 -0500

Subject: Re: More about the Fitches

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-WSS-ID: 140053DE30958-02-02

X-WSS-ID: 140053DF36898-01-02

Content-Type: multipart/mixed;

boundary="0__=Lxza638x9QayiQIOzwl39pUyab6jaDtSD7ePXeEf1ZT6VRm6H64Cg5qQ"

Content-Disposition: inline

Subj:
Date: 11/3/99 3:37:58 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

It was Abigail Fitch (I don't know where I got Mary from) who married Jacob Sickler. Abigail was the daughter of Nathiel Sr. and a younger sister of Giles and Nate. I was thinking perhaps Jefferson Sickler was their son, and would therefore be the boys cousin. (Abigail was also Elizabeth Lockwoods mother's name,and possibly Nathaniel sr grandmother)
We also found another woman who was a Swartwood and grew up next to the Fitch cemetery before it was moved.... she may have some pictures of the cemetery and homestead. This woman is also a friend or relative of Genny Weaver and gave us her address so we will be sending her a birthday card, she is also going to talk to Genny to see if we could drop by someday to talk. She thinks Genny would be more than glad to talk to us and from the day we met her in the cemetery, she was delightful and just full of old Fitch stories. So we have 2 good possible leads on the pictures.

I found your notes on John Fitch and Elizabeth Lockwood very interesting, it may be coincidence but
John Fitch settled in Falls, Pa in 1787 along with a man named David Morehouse. I wonder if David was from Norwalk and possibly a cousin to John.....(it would be another good coincidence if we could link David Morehouse to Elizabeth Lockwood)

I will just be getting off of night shift on Saturday morning but will hopefully be able to spend a few hours at the historical society. I will look for anything on Lydia Weaton, that will link her to John, the son of Theophilus. My usual trouble at the historical society is that it is so easy to get side tracked. Such as Gideon Fitch is mentioned as a half-brother so John Fitch would have been married twice.....

Take care, Don

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>
Received: from rly-za01.mx.aol.com (rly-za01.mail.aol.com [172.31.36.97]) by air-za01.mail.aol.com (v62.15) with ESMTP; Wed, 03 Nov 1999 03:37:58 -0500
Received: from metint45.metlife.com (host.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-za01.mx.aol.com (v62.10) with ESMTP; Wed, 03 Nov 1999 03:37:49 -0400
X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea
X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc
From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>
To: <WFitch5413@aol.com>
Message-ID: <8525681E.002E39D9.00@metlife.com>
Date: Wed, 3 Nov 1999 03:39:20 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-WSS-ID: 14012EC0205295-01-02
X-WSS-ID: 14012EC0248848-01-02
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=us-ascii

Dear Don,

It looks like you are getting a pretty good grasp on this Fitch family thing! Yes, it was Abigail who married Jacob Sickler, and it was their son who was Jefferson Sickler. And no, the rest of the family did not come to Indiana, just Jeff, and he is the boys' first cousin. My guess is that he lived with Sarah and Nathaniel for a while before he married and made his home in a nearby township, Eel River. Several other Fitches married into the Sickler family also.

If you want to study up on the Morehouse and Lockwood families a good place to look is in the 3 volumes of Donald Lines Jacobus. He has genealogies for most of the families of Norwalk and Fairfield County, including the Morehouse family. Just a birdseye view of the family goes sort of like this:

Generation 1.....Thomas Morehouse.....had a son
2.....Thomas Morehouse.....had a son
3.....Nathan and a brother Gideon.....
4.....Jabez.....Abigail
5.....David.....Elizabeth

Hope that makes sense.

Nathan and Gideon Morehouse were brothers
Nathan married Mary Lockwood
Gideon married Mary Grumman
Nathan's son was Jabez
Gideon's daughter was Abigail (who married John Lockwood)

Jabez's son was David Morehouse who came to PA
Abigail and John's dau. Elizabeth married John Fitch

the families are all tied in together and they are living in the same area of Norwalk and Fairfield County, Weston, Green Farms, etc.

Page 683 of Jacobus (Not sure which vol. but think it is probably not the first one) gives the run down of the family of David Morehouse. It is the same family that we find in Falls, PA, and in the Roberts Cemetery.

David Morehouse (born August 14, 1740) married Thankful Couch (bapt. 1743)
they had daughters: Milly, Elizabeth, and Sarah
They sold their land in Weston in 1784
They are written up in Shoemaker's book on the history of Wyoming Co. settlers
They are buried in Roberts Cemetery

David Morehouse died June 3, 1820 at 80 years
His wife, Thankful, died Feb. 10, 1821 at 77 years
David's will is to be found in Tunkhannock records, dated April 17, 1820, and probated June 23, 1820. He gives to daughter Sarah Roberts, his big Bible, wife, Thankful, his estate for use in her lifetime, \$15 to Millie Williams, and Betsy Taylor. plus more but that is the gist of it. They are the same family who came from Weston, CT., and acquainted with the Lockwoods, the Grummans, the Ogdens.

So we just hope it is our John Fitch who married Elizabeth Lockwood. That would simplify the whole matter. No doubt there were two wives and since Elizabeth was dead by 1783 when her father died and made out his will it would mean that she was the mother of Gideon, but we cannot be sure about Nathaniel. He could have been a child of the 2nd marriage. We know by land contracts in PA that John Fitch's wife at the turn of the century was Mary, but Mary who we do not know. Mary is so common, Mary, Molly etc.

If you have not done any research in Jacobus I would suggest you see if they have that at the Wyoming Historical Society. They probably do. And the other is Shoemaker's book and I am sure they will have that, as it is all about the folks of Wyoming Co. A little hard to research, but you will find things in there on Gideon Fitch, and Nathaniel and Sarah Keeler and the Keeler family, plus most of the neighbors of John Fitch will be found in there somewhere.

Yes, it would be great to find a definite link from John Fitch, son of Theophilus, to Lydia Wheaton. There must be more out there somewhere. That would eliminate him from any possibility of being the John Fitch who married Elizabeth Lockwood. I really don't think he is anyway, because of the two different sides of Norwalk that we find these Johns on. "John and Elizabeth from the East side and John son of Theo on the West side. However, they are not all that far apart, and I think those fellows got around a lot more than we could imagine they did. As soldiers they were all over New England!

I can't find the reference right now, but there was a David Morehouse in jail at Norwich for being a Tory in 1778. If I run across that again, I will jot down where I found it, but think it was in Jacobus somewhere.

I appreciate your trying to help out with the cemetery photograph situation. Of course, even if you don't end up with any older photos, you might get a good line on some stories that could be added to our family histories. That would be something to go for too.

One of the Fitches married a Swartwood. Rose Swartwood married John Fitch, 1862-1909, and are buried in the Roberts Cemetery. Somewhere I have that connection, but not sure now which line it is, but I do have it, just not at my fingertips at this moment.

Well, better stop for now. Have a good weekend!

Betty

Hello Don,

It has been a while, but thought I should make contact again. The holidays were such a busy time, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. Our daughter-in-law had a very serious operation in January, my mother was taken to the hospital by EMS and is now in a nursing home until she recovers sufficiently to go back home. Hope that is possible. I have the responsibility of all her finances at this time and the house. So I have not done a lot of genealogy lately.

I have heard from a Chris Barnes who is of the Townsend and Sickler families of the Falls area. He answered me about the Fitch Cemetery. He had heard that some of the Townsend family had been buried there too, but so far I do have any such info. But in connection with his correspondence, it reminded me that maybe Vera Fitch Davis might have some memories of the cemetery so I wrote to her. She returned a letter saying that she had lost her husband, Milan Davis in October. I knew nothing of that. While writing I asked about Geniveve Weaver and she said that she knew her very well and went to her house to see if she had any photos of the old Fitch Cemetery. She did not. Vera said Geniveve is 90 years old. Vera also wrote that for a time she lived in the John Fitch house. This maybe was a later John Fitch?? Like the one who married Rose Swartwood??? I remembered that you said you had taken some stones from the foundation of the old homestead house, so supposed you knew all about this place too. She also wrote that she was working for the East Falls Sand and Gravel Co. when they moved the cemetery. Guess they had dug up all the way around it and there was no way for anyone to get to it anymore anyway. She drew me a little map of where it used to be, but I can't pinpoint it on the map. All I have is the modern road map which is too small, the 1869 map from the WCHS which is good and does show a cemetery above the Roberts which I suppose was the Fitch Cemetery, but I would like a more modern Plat map of the area, Falls Township. Do you have any idea if they have plat maps like 1880, 1900, 1940 or 50?? I don't find any detailed maps like that in our library, ones with landowners and roads and sections, etc. Just thought by chance you might have made some copies of some for yourself and if so, I would like copies of various years. The dates above were just some of the dates that we can find plat maps of our area around here. I know there were a lot of them made, but not sure if the WCHS has them or not. I would like to know just where to look for these various things if we should happen to head east again.

Well that is about it for now. Did your marriage take place?? Or is that for later on?

You never said when it might be. We are looking forward to spring around here. Not that our winter has been so bad, but we were spoiled in the fall with warm temps, and when winter came (after Christmas) we really didn't want it anymore!! Right now we have moderate temps, but running around 30 and the snow is not really melting. We had 8 inches on the ground and most of it is still there. Hope things are going well for you.

Betty Fitch

Subj: Re: Fitch Cemetery
Date: 02/16/2000 9:22:07 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hello Betty,

I was very glad to hear from you! ,but I'm very sorry to hear about your daughter-in-law and your mother. I hope they are both doing better by now. I know it's hard on the whole family when one member is ill, and sometimes it seems like it's one right after another. I hope everything will be looking up for your family.

I sent Geniveve a birthday card and she in turn called my Uncle and gave him her phone number asking me to call her. I hope to talk to her this weekend and get some good Fitch stories. I want to find out exactly what Fitch she is descended from. That day I had met her in the Robert's cemetery we followed her down the road and she showed us the exact spot where the Fitch cemetery was before it was moved, and the foundation of the homestead house and barn. She had told me at the time that it was a John Fitch homestead house, but somewhere I have documentation from the WCHS that mentions the Nathaniel Fitch homestead house with private burial plot. Nathaniel's headstone is the oldest stone in the cemetery, at least of the ones that were moved. So I believe it was Nathaniel's house that was torn down. I too would like to find more of a history on this house. I know my Great Aunt Ruth had talked about the homestead house with a long porch on the side where they used to have reunions. Geniveve also knew Aunt Ruth and also remembers the family reunions. She would be 10 years younger than my Aunt. Aunt Ruth also talked about an Uncle Gus. I have never found Uncle Gus and she had no idea how he was related. I remember her telling me that they called everyone Uncle back then.

I will look for some maps for you. I have a plot map somewhere, it may be the 1869 map that you talked about. I found it very confusing because the main road rt 92 has changed. The map I have shows Fitch plots all over the countryside of Falls. Off the top of my head I believe I read somewhere of Nathaniel Fitch living behind Sherwoods. I believe the way that description read that we have the right place. I hope to be back to WCHS in two weeks and I'll do my best to get you whatever maps are available.

We've been very busy planning an addition to my cabin. I don't know if I told you but I live in a one bedroom log cabin that will be too small after I get married. (I need some big closets) Hopefully this April we will start the addition and if we are lucky we will be married in July. The addition (24' x 16') will be one big bedroom and a small utility room. We found a beautiful old stained glass window that we will be putting up above the bed in the peak of the cathedral ceiling. All open beam with a big bay window on the south side. It's a very busy and exciting times for both of us. So, I too am ready for Spring. We have not had a bad winter, but more than anything I can't wait to get out in my garden. Will write to you with any news from Geniveve and any maps I find. Take Care, Don

Subj: Re: Reunion notes
Date: 05/12/2000 8:06:36 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Betty,

I was glad to hear from you but so sorry to hear the news of your husband and father. Our prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. I'm glad to hear you have family close by who you can depend on for support. I had a very difficult time dealing with death myself as I lost 3 close family members within 2 years and I know how important family support can be. I have also come to realize how important your memories are, and I have some wonderful memories of my mother, grandmother and aunt which come to mind often.

I will send you all the info I have on the families you mentioned.....also a picture.

Take care,
Don

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>

Received: from rly-ye01.mx.aol.com (rly-ye01.mail.aol.com [172.18.151.198]) by air-ye02.mx.aol.com (v73.12) with ESMTP; Fri, 12 May 2000 20:06:36 -0400

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (ms3.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-ye01.mx.aol.com (v72.8) with ESMTP; Fri, 12 May 2000 20:06:18 -0400

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>

To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Message-ID: <852568DE.0000A3FA.00@metlife.com>

Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 20:06:16 -0400

Subject: Re: Reunion notes

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-WSS-ID: 15024411173789-01-02

X-WSS-ID: 15024326207634-01-02

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit



THE
FEDERAL
BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR



TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442100) (P)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]



THIS ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF THE FITCH FAMILY WAS GIVEN AT THE 1910
FITCH REUNION THAT WAS HELD AT LAKE WINOLA, PA.

"From authentic records obtained from reliable sources, it is found that the Fitch family are descended from one of the oldest Anglo Saxon families of England which came over from Germany, it is currently supposed, at the time the country was subdued by ??? and ??? their powers when the ancient Britons were driven to the mountains of Wales and //C// wall (probably Cornwall), and the Saxon heptarchy was formed.

In the Heralds Office in London the Genealogy of the Fitch family is quite full, much more so than common. From records found in Essex county, England, the principle seat of the Fitch family, their pedigree has been traced back, step by step, to William, second son of John Fitch, who was living in Fitch Castle in the northwest of Essex County, in the 22nd year of the reign of Edward I, in the year 1294, two hundred years before Columbus discovered America.

Few families can date back so far as the Fitch family name was written, "Fytche, Ffytche, Ffytch, and Fytch. Some branches of the family, in England still retain one or another of these forms. The family originated in Germany and the first traces of it reach back to within a few centuries of the Christian era.

Sir Thomas Fitch, a lineal descendant of Baron Fitch married Annie Pew, August 6, 1611. He died in Braintree, Essex county, England, leaving a widow and several sons who came to this country between the years, 1634 and 1636, having sold the family estate which was situated in the town of Birch in Essex County. They arrived in this country as follows:

Jeremiah Fitch, John Fitch, and James Fitch on the Ship Defiance and landed at Boston in the year 1634. Richard Fitch, Samuel Fitch and Thomas Fitch in 1635. Joseph Fitch arrived in 1639.

The Rev. James Fitch settled in Saybrook, Conn. Afterward removing to Norwich, Conn., and was the ancestor of the Windham and Lebanon Fitches.

Thomas Fitch and his brother, Joseph, settled in Norwalk, Conn., were planters and with their neighbors purchased a tract of land from Runckinheage and other Indian Chiefs by deed, February 15, 1651. In 1665 (not sure of the last number) Thomas was the wealthiest citizen of Norwalk. From him in a line of three generations descended, Thomas Fitch who held many positions of trust, was Judge, Chief Justice, Lieut. Governor, and governor 16 (also looks like 46 years) being governor of the colony from 1754 to 1766, was a graduate of Yale College in 1721, was an eloquent speaker, accomplished scholar, and able jurist, and a Christian gentleman."

The above was sent as being taken from the newspaper clipping of Marge Gray on this reunion. The historian was supposed to be Pearle C. Fitch. There are some definite errors in the above. No way to prove about the German background at this time. It may be so. But the listing of the brothers who came to America and when they came seems to be faulty. Rev. James was born in 1622 and his tombstone says that he came to America when he was 16 years old and that date would be 1638, not 1634. Doubtful that he would have come when he was only 12.

The brother John Fitch seems to have died in England (per John T. Fitch) and did not come to America. Brother Nathaniel did die in England in 1648. The Jeremiah, John, and James who came in 1634 were probably of another family.....relation perhaps.

Thomas and Joseph did come to Norwalk to plant the town there and had a couple of the first plots of land in that town, but not the very first. They apparently came shortly after the forming of the town of Norwalk. Thomas states that he lost all his fortune in the civil war that was fought in England and it took most of the rest of it to bring his family to America. Giving the impression that he did not come until after that war which was fought in the 1640s. If Nathaniel died in 1648,

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of a solution of the system of equations

which is the system of equations of the theory of the motion of a rigid body. The system of equations is written in the form of a set of ordinary differential equations of the second order. The system of equations is solved by the method of the variation of parameters.

2. The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed analysis of the solution of the system of equations. The solution is obtained in the form of a series of terms of the order of the small parameter ϵ . The terms of the series are obtained by the method of the variation of parameters.

3. The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the results of the analysis. The results show that the solution of the system of equations exists for all values of the parameters of the system.

4. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the physical meaning of the results. The results show that the motion of the rigid body is periodic and stable.

5. The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the results of the analysis. The results show that the solution of the system of equations exists for all values of the parameters of the system.

6. The sixth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the physical meaning of the results. The results show that the motion of the rigid body is periodic and stable.

7. The seventh part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the results of the analysis. The results show that the solution of the system of equations exists for all values of the parameters of the system.

8. The eighth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the physical meaning of the results. The results show that the motion of the rigid body is periodic and stable.

9. The ninth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the results of the analysis. The results show that the solution of the system of equations exists for all values of the parameters of the system.

10. The tenth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the physical meaning of the results. The results show that the motion of the rigid body is periodic and stable.

11. The eleventh part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the results of the analysis. The results show that the solution of the system of equations exists for all values of the parameters of the system.

they probably did not come until after that. The brothers are listed in Nathaniel's will. We do not find any other record of Thomas or Joseph in any other town in America any earlier. Rev. James can be found in Saybrook and Norwich and we have his marriage to Abigail Whitefield in Guilford, or of Guilford, in the late 1640's. He was under the teaching of Rev. Hooker who made his early home in Hartford. So Rev. James probably moved from Hartford to Saybrook when he became pastor of the church there. After the death of Abigail, he took part of his church to Norwich and began a work there where he lived the rest of his life.

Joseph left the town of Norwalk early and moved on. Thomas stayed and was one of the wealthiest citizens of that town and instrumental in the governing of it.

Thomas Fitch, Governor, was in the fourth generation, Thomas I, Thomas II, Thomas III, and Thomas IV was the governor. He also had a son named Thomas V.

It would appear now that this branch of the Fitch family did come down through Thomas Fitch who helped to found Norwalk, but not through the Governor.

Do not know for sure about a Jeremiah.....there was a son listed as Jeremy (JTF)
Also do not know of a Richard in this family.

Samuel did settle in America and his mother may have lived with him.

According to John Townsend Fitch, who has done much research and written books on the subject the children were:

Thomas Fitch, born 1612, died in Norwalk
John, who died in England
Rev. James, born Dec. 24, 1622, died 1702, Lebanon, CT
Nathaniel, born 1623, died 1648 in England
Jeremy, born 1625, died in England
Samuel, born 1626, died Milford, CT. 1659
Joseph, living in Windsor, CT., in 1713....ancestor of Steamboat John
Elizabeth, bapt. 1615 at Bocking, England
Mary, born 1629, England
Anne, born 1630, England
Sarah, born 1631, England

These children were all born at Bocking, England.

Betty Fitch

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It highlights the need for a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter and the role of the researcher in this process.

2. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study. It details the data collection methods, the sample size, and the statistical techniques employed to analyze the data.

3. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study. It includes a detailed description of the findings, which are supported by statistical evidence and graphical representations.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings. It explores the practical applications of the research and the potential for future studies in this area.

5. The fifth part of the paper concludes the study. It summarizes the main findings and provides a final statement on the significance of the research.

6. The sixth part of the paper includes a list of references. It cites the works of other researchers in the field, providing a context for the current study.

7. The seventh part of the paper includes an appendix. It contains additional information that supports the main text, such as raw data or detailed calculations.

Subj:
Date: 04/30/2000 12:27:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

I'm sorry I haven't gotten back to you but as usual I've been very busy. I've been getting ready for my wedding on July 22,... I've also been adding an addition onto my cabin. A 16 x 24 bedroom with very large closets. (Dawn has a lot of clothes) The foundation is almost complete and I will be assembling the logs myself. Also very busy at work..... I'm studying for a CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) exam. ...Not the most exciting reading but instrumental in my job as most of our network equip. are Cisco products. How have you been doing?

Genny Weaver gave me several Family Record sheets that were sent to her from Lois Godier. Do you have these?

She has,

- 1.) John Fitch & Elizabeth Lockwood,
- 2.) John Fitch & Elizabeth Beers,
- 3.) Nathaniel Fitch & Elizabeth____,
- 4.) John Fitch & Rebeckah Lindall

I don't see any new info here but interesting comments on the back as to where she found the info.

The best thing Genny gave me was a typed copy of a newspaper clipping on the Fitch family reunion of 1910 in Falls, PA.

It may not be that accurate but it is interesting to read, and it is exactly how my Aunt Ruth had told me, with the elders of the family discussing the great accomplishments of their ancestors. At the end it lists my Great-grandfather and Grandfather attending — Albert Fitch, Mrs Albert Fitch, and Rachel, Willie, Ruth and Helen Fitch.

I've copied the following exactly from the sheet I received from Genny.... I couldn't wait to send it to you so I re-typed it ...complete with errors... Hope you find it interesting as I did. Take Care, Don

1910 Annual Reunion Of Fitch Family

(Copied from original newspaper clipping which I have in my possession, very fragile) Marge Gray granddaughter of Gertrude Neola Fitch b/1868 PA)

The annual reunion of the Fitch family was held at Lake Winola on Thursday, Sept. 1, and was attended by approximately 150 members of the family and their friends. All in attendance enjoyed a delightful day and during the afternoon, when the business meeting was held, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year. President DR Fitch; Vice- presidents, G.J. Fitch and Joseph Fitch; secretary Albert Fitch; assistant secretary Archie D. Miller; historian, Miss Pearle C. Fitch. The historian read the following genealogy of the family.

From authentic records obtained from reliable sources, it is found that the Fitch family are descended from one of the oldest Angle Saxon families of England which came over from Germany, it is currently supposed, at the time the country was subdued, by ??? and ??? their powers when the ancient Britons were



...the ...
...the ...
...the ...

...the ...
...the ...
...the ...



...the ...
...the ...
...the ...

...the ...
...the ...
...the ...



driven to the mountains of Wales and ?? C?? wall, and the Saxon heptarchy was formed."

"In the Heralds Office in London the Genealogy of the Fitch family is quite full, much more so than common. From records found in Essex county, England, the principle seat of the Fitch family, their pedigree has been traced back, step by step, to William, second son of John Fitch, who was living in Fitch Castle in the northwest of Essex county, in the 22nd year of the reign of Edward I, in the year 1294, two hundred years before Columbus discovered America"

" Few families can date back so far as the Fitch family name was anciently written, " Fytche, Fytche, Fytch, and Fytch," some branches of the family, in England still retain on or another of these forms. The family originated in Germany and the first traces of it reach back to within a few centuries of the Christian era."

"Sir Thomas Fitch, a lineal descendant of Baron Fitch married Annie Pew Aug. 6, 1611, he died in Braintree, Essex count, England, leaving a widow and several sons who came to this country between the years, 1634 and 1638, having sold the family estate which was situated in the town of Birch in Essex county, they arrived in this country as follows:"

Jeremiah Fitch, John Fitch, and James Fitch on the ship Defiance and landed at Boston in the year 1634. Richard Fitch, Samuel Fitch and Thomas Fitch in 1635, Joseph Fitch arrived in 1639."

"The Rev. James Fitch settled in Saybrook, Conn, Afterward removing to Norwich, Conn. And was the ancestor of the Windham and Lebanon Fitches."

Thomas Fitch and his brother Joseph settled in Norwalk, Conn, were planters and with their neighbors purchased a tract of land from Runckinheage and other Indian Chiefs by deed Feb 15 1651. In 1665? (last number unsure of) Thomas was the wealthiest citizen of Norwalk, from him in a line of three generations descended, Thomas Fitch who held many positions of trust, was Judge, Chief Justice, Lieut. Governor, and governor 16(also looks like 46 yrs ??) years being governor of the colony from 1754 to 1766, was a graduate of Yale College in 1721, was an eloquent speaker, accomplished scholar, and able jurist, and a Christian gentleman."

The next reunion will be held at Lehigh Park, Falls, PA in 1911. Among those in attendance were:

Pittston - Mrs. M.K. Kresge, and son, Mrs. Jane Drelakach, Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Miller and children Harry and Bessie, Mr. And Mrs. Gordon P. Benedict and daughters Rosetta and Ada, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fitch and daughter Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Dymond and children Elmer, Clara, and Ida, Mrs. Matilda Bardall, Mr. & Mrs. William Swartwood and son, William, Mr. & Mrs. G.J. Fitch

Falls - Mrs. J.A. Sivs, Leland A. Sivs, Bernice Sivs, Asher Fitch, Albert Fitch, Mrs Albert Fitch, and Rachel, Willie, Ruth and Helen Fitch, Mr. & Mrs. David Kreske, Joseph H. Fitch, John Fitch, J.C. Menger, Jane Fitch, and Floyd, Ester Foster, and Josephine Fitch, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Fitch and children Pearle, Francis, Harry, Harold, Bessie, Mrs Perry Sickler, Mrs J.D. LaFrance.

Salton - Mrs C Walter and aughters Cora and Nellie

South Eaton - Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sutton and daughter Nella.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function $f(x)$ defined by the equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that this function is the arctangent function, i.e.

$f(x) = \arctan x$. The main result of the paper is the following

theorem: Let $f(x)$ be the function defined by the equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the function $f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The proof of this theorem is given in the next section.

2. The second part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function $g(x)$ defined by the equation

$$g(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that this function is the arctangent function, i.e.

$$g(x) = \arctan x.$$

The main result of the paper is the following

theorem: Let $g(x)$ be the function defined by the equation

$$g(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the function $g(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The proof of this theorem is given in the next section.

3. The third part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function $h(x)$ defined by the equation

$$h(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that this function is the arctangent function, i.e.

$$h(x) = \arctan x.$$

The main result of the paper is the following

theorem: Let $h(x)$ be the function defined by the equation

$$h(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the function $h(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The proof of this theorem is given in the next section.

4. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function $i(x)$ defined by the equation

$$i(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that this function is the arctangent function, i.e.

$$i(x) = \arctan x.$$

The main result of the paper is the following

theorem: Let $i(x)$ be the function defined by the equation

$$i(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the function $i(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} i(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} i(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Montrose - Elizabeth M. Fitch, F.A. Mack.

Tactoryville - A. B. Fitch, Mrs A.B. Fitch and children Vivian and Allan, Mrs.
elle Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kresage.

Ransom - Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Odell and son Foster, Mrs. Manley Swartz, Mrs O. E.
Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Fitch and children Orlando, Everett, Alfred, Myrtle,
Grace, Alice, Oneta, Alberta, Mrs. A. B. Hollenbach.

Scranton - Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Osterhout, Mrs. A.B. Mann, Mrs. Brooks Tanger, Inez
and Ruth Engle.

Carbondale - A.O. Fidiam, Z.G. Fidiam, Aaron Fidiam.

Lake Winola - Charles F. Gregory, Mrs M. Ousterhout, Trace Ousterhout, Ida
Ousterhout.

Sayre - Mrs. L. W. Rounds

Mill City - J. A. Siglin

Tunkhannock - Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball.

Homell, NY - Homer Osterhout.

Taylor - Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Fitch, Miss Elmira Fitch, George Fitch, Ernest Fitch

Spigville - O. S. Fitch

Headers

Return-Path: <dfitch@metlife.com>

Received: from rly-zc05.mx.aol.com (rly-zc05.mail.aol.com [172.31.33.5]) by air-zc01.mail.aol.com (v70.20) with ESMTP;
Sun, 30 Apr 2000 00:27:02 -0400

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (ms3.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-zc05.mx.aol.com (v71.10) with ESMTP; Sun,
30 Apr 2000 00:26:46 -0400

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@metlife.com>

To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Message-ID: <852568D1.0018A02C.00@metlife.com>

Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 00:26:29 -0400

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-WSS-ID: 15156ABB89-01-02

X-WSS-ID: 15156908695218-01-02

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
JANUARY 1964

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

RE: A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESEARCH
PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
DURING THE YEAR 1963

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESEARCH
PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
DURING THE YEAR 1963

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

Fitch Reunion 1910 from Don Fitch:

(Copied from the original newspaper clipping which I have in my possession, very fragile) Marge Gray, granddaughter of Gertrude Neola Fitch born 1868, PA.

"The annual reunion of the Fitch family was held at Lake Winola on Thursday, September 1, and was attended by approximately 150 members of the family and their friends. All in attendance enjoyed a delightful day and during the afternoon, when the business meeting was held, the following officers were elected to serve during the en-suing year. President, DR Fitch; Vice-presidents, G.J. Fitch and Joseph Fitch; sec-retary, Albert Fitch; Assistant secretary, Archie D. Miller; Historian, Pearle C. Fitch. The historian read the following history of the family.....we have this history in other places so will not add it here. Some of it is wrong

The next reunion will be held at Lehigh Park, Falls, PA in 1911. Among those in attendance were:

Pittston.....Mrs. M. K. Kresge, and son, Mrs. Jane Drelakach, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller and children, Harry and Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Benedict and daughters, Rosetta and Ada, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fitch and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Dymond and children, Elmer, Clara, and Ida, Mrs. Matilda Bardall, Mr. and Mrs. William Swartwood and son, William, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Fitch.

Falls.....Mrs. J. A. Sivis, Leland A. Sivis, Bernice Sivis, Asher Fitch, Albert Fitch, Mrs. Albert Fitch, and Rachel, Willie, Ruth and Helen Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. David Kresge, Joseph H. Fitch, John Fitch, J. C. Menger, Jane Fitch and Floyd, Ester Foster, and Josephine Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Fitch and children, Pearle, Francis, Harry, Harold, Bessie, Mrs. Perry Sickler, Mrs. J. D. LaFrance.

Dalton.....Mrs. C. Walker and daughters Cora and Nellie

South Eaton.....Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sutton and daughter, Nella

Montrose.....Elizabeth M. Fitch, F. A. Mack

Factoryville.....A. B. Fitch, Mrs. A. B. Fitch and children Vivian and Allan, Mrs. Belle Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kresage.

Ransom.....Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Odell and son Foster, Mrs. Manley Swartz, Mrs. O. E. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Fitch and children, Orlando, Everett, Alfred, Myrtle, Grace, Alice, Oneta, Alberta, Mrs. A. B. Hollenbach.

Scranton.....Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Osterhout, Mrs. A. B. Mann, Mrs. Brooks Tanger, Inez and Ruth Engle.

Carbondale.....A. O. Fidiam, Z. G. Fidiam, Aaron Fidiam.

Lake Winola.....Charles F. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ousterhout, Trace Ousterhout, Ida Ousterhout.

Sayre.....Mrs. L. W. Rounds

Mill City.....J. A. Siglin

Tunkhannock.....Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball

Hornell, New York.....Homer Osterhout

Taylor.....Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fitch, Miss Elvira Fitch, George Fitch, Ernest Fitch

Sprigville (or Springville).....O. S. Fitch

1910 Reunion Attendees and where they fit in

FROM PITTSTON

Mrs. M. K. Kresge and son

David Kresge married Lydia Fitch daughter of Morgan Fitch. Probably part of their family. A daughter-in-law and grandson??

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. Jane Drelakach

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller and children, Harry and Bessie

Archie D. Miller 1862-1947 m. Ida E. Fitch, 1868-1924, dau. of George Judson Fitch and Rosetta Heitsman. Bessie was born 1901.

GIDEON'S FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Benedict and daughters, Rosetta and Ada

Gordon 1882-1967 m. Kalista Fitch, dau. of George Judson Fitch

GIDEON'S FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fitch and daughter, Alice

Lorenzo Dow Fitch 1875-1819 m. Jennie Miller 1885-1919

L. D. was the son of George Judson Fitch, named for his great-uncle

GIDEON'S FAMILY

Mr and Mrs. Dana Dymond and children, Elmer, Clara, and Ida

Dana Dymond 1879- m. 1901 Harriet Fitch, 1881- , dau. of George J.

GIDEON'S FAMILY

Mrs. Matilda Bardall

Mr. and Mrs. William Swartwood and son, William

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Fitch

George Judson Fitch 1847-1922 m. Rosetta Heitsman, 1846-1917

GIDEON'S FAMILY

FROM FALLS

Mrs. J. A. Sivils, Leland A. Sivils, Bernice Sivils

James Arthur Sivils, 1869-1921 m. Mary Smith, 1868-1920

Leland b. 12-28-1907, Bernice b. Aug. 1904

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Asher Fitch

1833-1914.....son of Giles Fitch; wife was Rachel Miller, deceased

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Albert Fitch

1866-1924son of Asher Fitch, m. Sarah J. Turner

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. Albert Fitch and Rachel, Willie, Ruth and Helen Fitch

Wife of Above Albert and children

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. David Kresge

David Kresge married Lydia Fitch, mentioned above under the Kresge name

Joseph H. Fitch

1860-1931, son of Lydia Fitch, dau. of Spencer

Some confusion because of the family below of Joseph F., Fitch.

Perhaps an error in transcribing since the family below belongs to Joseph H.

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

John Fitch

1855-1934 m. Rose Swartwood 1862-1909.

John is the son of Spencer

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

J. C. Menger, Jane Fitch and Floyd

John Conrad Menger m. Jane Fitch, dau. of Allen Fitch and Lydia Beemer

Jane, 1855-1932, not sure why she was called Fitch, but perhaps they signed in that way so was taken right by the attendance book.

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Ester Foster

Josephine Fitch

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Fitch and children, Pearle, Francis, Harry, Harold, Bessie

This may be supposed to be Joseph H. Fitch as these are his children

Pearle married a Diehl and was instrumental in working on the family history

Harold was Vera Fitch Davis's father.

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. Perry Sickler

Perry Sickler 1837- , m. Emeretta Griffon

Perry is the son of Abigail Fitch and Jacob Sickler, Jr.

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. J. D. LaFrance

FROM DALTON

Mrs. C. Walker and daughters, Cora and Nellie

FROM SOUTH EATON

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sutton and daughter, Nella

FROM MONTROSE

Elizabeth M. Fitch

F. A. Mack

FROM FACTORYVILLE

Mrs. And Mrs. A. B. Fitch and children Vivian and Allan
Alpheus Beemer Fitch, 1851-1921, m. Ada Manchester
A. B., son of Allen and Lydia
Vivian, born 1887, Allan born 1889
NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. Belle Swartz

Mrs. And Mrs. J. M. Kresage
Probably another part of the David Kresge family.
NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

FROM RANSOM

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Odell and son Foster

Mrs. Manley Swartz

Mrs. O. E. Swartz

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Fitch and children, Orlando, Everett, Alfred, Myrtle, Grace, Alice, Oneta, Alberta.
E. V. just may mean Everett....Everett Orlando Fitch 1872-1950, wife Elizabeth Schick
Everett is the son of Orlando Seymour Fitch
NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Mrs. A. B. Hollenback

FROM SCRANTON

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Osterhout
Albert Stanley Osterhout b. 1850/1860, son of Edgar Osterhout and Melissa Marcy
Do not know where he fits into the Fitch family, but no doubt does somewhere.

Mrs. A. B. Mann

Mrs. Brooks Tanger,

Inez and Ruth Engle

FROM CARBONDALE

A. O. Fidiam, Z. G. Fidiam, Aaron Fidiam

FROM LAKE WINOLA

Charles F. Gregory

Mrs. M. Osterhout, Trace Ousterhout, Ida Osterhout

FROM SAYRE

Mrs. L. W. Rounds

FROM MILL CITY

J. A. Siglin

John Allen Siglin, 1856-1937, son of Mary Fitch and Lynford/Linford Siglin
NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

FROM TUNKHANNOCK

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball

FROM HORNELL, NEW YORK

Homer Ousterhout

FROM TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fitch

Harvey Clinton Fitch, 1877-1941 m. Cora Nyehart

Harvey a son of Orlando Seymour Fitch

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Miss Elvira Fitch

George Fitch

Ernest Fitch

FROM SPRINGVILLE

O. S. Fitch

Orlando Seymour Fitch, 1841-1917, son of Seymour

NATHANIEL'S FAMILY

Subj: **Re: Reunion notes**
Date: 06/30/2000 2:53:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: dfitch@metlife.com (Don Fitch)
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Betty, Please forgive me for not writing earlier. We've also had a very bad month here. My step-mother past away the beginning of June. She had cancer but had been in remission for over a year. It came back and she deteriorated very quickly. My father hasn't been taking care of himself during the past few weeks and in turn had a bad fall and is now in the hospital. Hopefully we can get him back on his medication and into some good physical therapy. This on top of planning the wedding and the addition to the cabin....haven't had two minutes to sit down. I hope everything is going better for you.

Genny Weaver found a whole binder on the Fitch family. I'm trying to copy it but it's on some old continuous feed paper that's very difficult to copy/reduce in size. I hope to get it out to you soon.
Take care, hope you have a good holiday. Don

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <.dfitch@metlife.com>
Received: from rly-yd01.mx.aol.com (rly-yd01.mail.aol.com [172.18.150.1]) by air-yd02.mail.aol.com (v75.18) with ESMTP; Fri, 30 Jun 2000 14:53:01 -0400
Received: from metint45.metlife.com (ms3.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-yd01.mx.aol.com (v75.18) with ESMTP; Fri, 30 Jun 2000 14:52:42 -0400
X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea
X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc
From: "Don Fitch" <.dfitch@metlife.com>
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Message-ID: <8525690E.0067970E.00@metlife.com>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2000 14:52:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Reunion notes
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-WSS-ID: 154234E4346663-10-02
X-WSS-ID: 15423437423102-05-02
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Don,

Sorry to hear about your loss. Seems like it never rains but what it pours, I guess. Think maybe it is easier for the wife to be left than the husband. So often they either don't know how to care for themselves or they just don't have the will to do so after the death of their mate.

The reason I titled this "Whoa!" was that when I read your letter, a light flashed on in my mind. You mentioned about continuous paper and reducing it in size. I am wondering if this folder is just like the one that Vera Davis has and if so I already have it. The way you can tell is that at the top of the pages the fellow who did the research has his name and address.....C. William Fitch, 2033 Hickorywood, So. Daytona Beach, Florida, 32119.....then gives his telephone number and says Fitch History. Go ahead and make a copy for yourself as it is quite interesting, but so very full of errors. There is a lot of good stuff in it, but when we made our trip to PA Vera Davis let me bring it home and I copied it for myself. Then I wrote to C. Wm. Fitch and he sent me back a few more things. I asked him some questions about where he found his information, etc., and he never answered those questions. After that first initial contact he never got back with me. I knew he was old and said that he was having some trouble with his eyes and he may have gotten ill. I always thought when I would write that if he were sick, perhaps one of his family would let me know. Even asked them to but they did not.


I just wanted you not to spend a lot of time on this for me if this is what Genny Weaver gave you as I already have it. Also that a lot of it does contain errors, although as I said, there is a lot of good stuff in it. Some real errors in the Nathaniel Fitch family of CT and the way the John's are written up. So if that is the folder Genny gave you, stop, and do it just for yourself. If not and it is someone else's then, I would, of course, like to have it.

Should this be the one from C. William Fitch, then I will be glad to let you know what is in error. It is well worth the trouble for you to have your copy of it as long as you know it is not "gospel" in Fitch genealogy.

All for now. If you have any questions, just get back with me. Hope you can have time to enjoy planning your wedding and the work on the cabin. Know how much work a wedding can be, as our first granddaughter got married May 27th and a lot goes into it. Don't let it become work!

Betty

Hi Don and Dawn,

 Really enjoyed receiving your card. Is this really your wedding photo? If so, it must have been a grand wedding! Would have loved to see it!

Hope things have calmed down by this time and you are settled into your cabin. And also that your father is getting along better. Things are OK here. I keep terribly busy. Our weather has been a trial these last few weeks, with snow, ice, rain, sleet and wind! Everything we really don't want. My driveway is back 1000 feet from the road and so when we have snow and wind I can easily be stuck in for a while. We had snow, then a good coating of ice on top of that, then 8 more inches of snow. I still got out without plowing. Front wheel drive helps I guess, but I didn't try it until my son drove in and out a few times. It was plowed last night, but today it is raining here and so now there is more ice and to turn cold, get windy, and snow later today so will no doubt have another mess to deal with. Have plenty of wood, and plenty of food, and a lot of things to bake, so don't mind staying at home, just so by Christmas the kids can easily get in and out. My shopping is nearly done. Am planning an open house if the weather permits. It gave me good incentive to do the decorating.

I suppose though your weather has been about the same as ours. It seems to run right across the country. My daughter in Montana gives me warning when they have bad weather that it is coming our direction! She called me last night to say they had just had a blizzard out there and the snow didn't come down, it went straight across, so the wind was howling but said there was 6 to 10 inches of snow with it. Eventually it hit the ground, no doubt!

Am doing my greetings by e-mail when I can so want to wish you and your wife and father a **MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2001**. Hope you are in your cabin and it must be fun to do the decorating. Thanks for everything. Keep in touch and I will also.

Betty

Subj:

Date: 01/18/2001 10:03:19 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: dfitch@MetLife.com (Don Fitch)

WFitch5413@aol.com (WFitch5413)

Hi Betty,

I've been thinking about writing you for some time but just can't sit down long enough to get a letter out to you. I hope your holidays were nice.

We had a nice quiet Christmas and New Years just the way I like it. I've been spending much more time at work then I usually do.

I don't know if I told you or not but I currently work in Corporate Network Support for MetLife, supporting network connectivity to over 600 MetLife offices around the world. Well, this function just got outsourced to AT&T. I believe the main reason is that supporting the network does not make money for MetLife, it may save them money but it doesn't make them money. Luckily we fell into a new up-coming position of Internet Support, supporting various MetLife websites and applications. Although this may sound similar it is quite different and requires an entirely new training path, basically starting all over from the beginning. One positive aspect is that this will be far more difficult to outsource. They have me on a quite vigorous training schedule.

Have you noticed in the newsletter from the Historical Society of a book that is out in print Wyoming County Salutes the Millennium, An historical Overview of Wyoming County 1700-2000. Volume 2 just came out and there is a narrative from Zuriel Sherwood who was born in 1776 in Fairfield county, CT. He came with his family in 1789 at the age of 13 and settled in Falls.

He talks of John Fitch already living in Falls but doesn't say much more about him other then

" Artichokes, ground nuts and large summer grapes grew spontaneously in the swails of the Sherwood and Fitch farms". It is quite interesting how he describes life at the time including the trip from CT and he mentions what he knows of the Wyoming massacre and the Tories. I will copy this article and send it to you.

How have you been? Hopefully you haven't had too much snow out there.

We have been lucky as a few bad storms seemed to go South of us.

I just got a new car and did get to try it out in some snow. I traded in

my truck for a Chrysler PT Cruiser. It's front wheel drive and handles

quite well in the snow. I'm sure I don't have to tell you that it's just

as much how you drive as what you drive. As my Dad says over and over, you

have to drive for the conditions of the road, which was a good lesson learned.

You mentioned in your letter that you were getting ready for an open house.

Does that mean you are selling your house? I wasn't quite sure.

I hope everything else is going ok for you and everyone is in good health.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Don

PS You asked if that was our wedding picture. I'm afraid it was not.

When we went to NJ two weeks before our wedding to get the marriage license

we then went to the shore and had this picture taken on the boardwalk.

This picture actually turned out better then most of our wedding pictures.

The wedding was just a casual affair on the beach. It was a beautiful

unny day with the temperature in the 80s and the bay was full of

sailboats. Attending was just my best man, the maid of honor, the minister

and their spouses. Unfortunately the pictures were taken facing the

Hi Don,

Thanks so much for thinking of me, but in this case, don't go to the trouble of making a copy of the article. I already have it. Over the past few years (or somewhere in the course of the publication of LEST WE FORGET by the WCHS) they published the story in continueing episodes in their paper, so I do have it and it was very enjoyable. I read it over and over to get the feel of the way things were. I too wished Zuriel had said more about the Fitch family, but since he married into the Keeler family, we at least had that connection in some small way. I thought it was too bad he had to go and move to Ohio as that ended his local story. And even when he went back to visit at Danbury area (or wherever he went to visit) he didn't tell me enough about just where he went or where he grew up. Too late to ask questions of him by this time! But I wanted to stop you from making a copy when I didn't need it.

But I am interested in finding out about these books about Wyoming County Salutes the Millennium. I would like to buy those if they are available. Think I will send an e-mail to the Society and see what the situation is. The last copy of LEST WE FORGET was the last fall edition and I didn't see anything about it in that and supposed the next one was not due until around February. Which reminds me, I need to send in my \$15 for membership again. I think I am OK until next fall but had better check on it. I had ordered all of the past publications and so have 4 big notebooks filled with them. They have a lot of information in them, but no great revalations about the Fitch family except for some of the later generation, some wills, etc. Learned quite a bit about Gideon that way.

The snow we got in December is finally melting off the ground. We still have a few inches that has not melted as yet, but no new snow. After getting my driveway (1000 feet) cleared a time or two (during those couple really bad weeks) it has stopped snowing and started melting. The temperature hasn't reached 40 degrees at any time but have had some sun and several mid-30's days so there has been a real gradual melting. At least now if we have another big snow it won't be complete disaster for me. Think they can come in and clear it again. Usually here in Indiana we have snow and then a week or two where everything melts off before it hits us again, but this year the very first snow that fell did not melt and it just kept adding up until we had about a foot on the ground. Now we are down to a couple inches I think. The roads are all clear, of course, as long as I can out to them!! They predict another calm week ahead without much snow for us.

My open house was just for the Christmas week. I am not planning to sell my house at this time. Some day will have to move into a smaller place I am sure. And as an open house for my relatives, it didn't turn out because of the weather. All my own children and grandchildren made it OK, but the driveway at the time was too bad to ask any of my older relatives to try it. That was the time of the worst weather here.....the Christmas weekend and the week before. It doesn't bother me too much as we have done this for years. If it is too bad we just didn't make it out, but since we had been retired for a few years, it didn't make a lot of difference to us. My car is a rather small Plymouth Reliant coupe, 1989, but it does have front wheel drive so except for the times when the snow kept coming and the wind kept blowing, have had no trouble. My daughter's good friends came a couple of times to work on the driveway and did a pretty good job. But am glad we are into the middle of January and the days are getting longer. Winter is still with us, but you can consider that it is half over and January has not been too bad so far.

Well, I had better go get busy. Thanks for telling me about the publications that are out and I will check into them today. E-mail is really great and I have e-mailed WCHS before so will do so again as the price is right! Hope your new position works out well and life can go on as before. Would hate to think you might have to leave your new cabin after all that work! Thanks again. Keep in touch.

Betty

SUN.....

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <dfitch@MetLife.com>

Received: from rly-yc02.mx.aol.com (rly-yc02.mail.aol.com [172.18.149.34]) by air-yc04.mail.aol.com (v77.31) with ESMTP; Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:03:19 -0500

Received: from metint45.metlife.com (ms3.metlife.com [204.146.159.35]) by rly-yc02.mx.aol.com (v77.27) with ESMTP; Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:02:53 -0500

Received: from 192.168.125.54 by metint45.metlife.com
with SMTP (Tumbleweed MMS SMTP Relay (MMS v4.7));
Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:00:37 -0500

X-Server-Uid: c68c68cc-fda5-11d2-bf12-0008c7db53ea

Received: from 192.168.116.104 by metint46.metlife.com with ESMTP (
Tumbleweed MMS SMTP Relay (MMS v4.7)); Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:00:36 -0500

X-Server-Uid: 734eaade-fd7f-11d2-af45-0008c7db79cc

Subject:

To: WFitch5413 <WFitch5413@aol.com>

From: "Don Fitch" <dfitch@MetLife.com>

Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:03:50 -0500

Message-ID: <OF86AB0499.9DCFA744-ON852569D9.000C623D@LocalDomain>

X-MIMETrack: Serialize by Router on MetMtaG2/MetLifeNet/US(Release 5.0.6

|December 14, 2000) at 01/18/2001 10:00:44 PM

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-WSS-ID: 1679725E148708-01-01

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit





LINE OF CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES

TOWNSEND

Levi Townsend and
1770-1827/34

Rebecca Jones
1769-

Considerate Townsend
1789-1861

and Mariah Sickler
1803-after 1876

Sydney Townsend
1828-1864

and Mary Hawk

Alvah B. Townsend
1854-1933

and Violet Gardner
1860-1924

Howard S. Townsend
1892-1984

and Zaida Jane White
1904-1967

Margaret Jane Townsend and
1926- Samuel J. Barnes

Christopher takes his family back to Levi Townsend. On the LDS site you will find it taken further back, but may not be correct as follows:

William Townsend and Hannah Penn, England

James Townsend and Elizabeth Price, Mass.

James Townsend and Alice Newell, Mass.

Joshua Townsend and Elizabeth White, Mass.

James Townsend and Hannah Miriam, Mass.

Levi Townsend and Rebecca Jones, Mass. To Luzerne, PA

LINE OF CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES

TOWNSEND

Levi Townsend and
1770-1827/34

Rebecca Jones
1769-

Considerate Townsend
1789-1861

and Mariah Sickler
1803-after 1876

Sydney Townsend
1828-1864

and Mary Hawk

Alvah B. Townsend
1854-1933

and Violet Gardner
1860-1924

Howard S. Townsend
1892-1984

and Zaida Jane White
1904-1967

Margaret Jane Townsend
1926-

and Samuel J. Barnes

Christopher takes his family back to Levi Townsend. On the LDS site you will find it taken further back, but may not be correct as follows:

William Townsend and Hannah Penn, England

James Townsend and Elizabeth Price, Mass.

James Townsend and Alice Newell, Mass.

Joshua Townsend and Elizabeth White, Mass.

James Townsend and Hannah Miriam, Mass.

Levi Townsend and Rebecca Jones, Mass. To Luzerne, PA

Subj: **FITCH cemetery query**
Date: 01/04/2000 6:06:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
Re: WFitch5413

Hello Betty,

Saw your query in the WCHS Fall newsletter and wanted to ask what you've discovered about the cemetery. I descend from the TOWNSEND/SICKLER line that had links to the cemetery. My curiosity is 1) why the cemetery was moved and 2) whether the stones/interments all went to one place or were scattered? Would you know? I know some of my SICKLER's went to Roberts' in Falls.

I went to Falls late '80's and scoured cemeteries but didn't take pictures so can't help you there, also you say it needed to be before '75 so I was too late.

Be glad to hear if you are compiling FITCH cemetery records and how to research them if true. Thanks for any information.

-Chris. Barnes

Hi Chris,

It's good to hear from you. Not sure that I can help you much, but will try to answer your questions if possible and maybe direct you to others who might know more.

We went to visit the Fitch cemetery and the Roberts Cemetery in 1996 while on a trip to the East coast and Connecticut. It was long after the two had been combined in one spot. Took quite a few pictures but mostly of the Fitch gravestones. As far as I know the cemetery was moved because they were making a gravel pit out of the area where it had been previously. At the time we were there they were taking gravel from the area beside the Robert's cemetery and had quite an area dug up. We had no idea where the original cemetery had been. I received one answer to my query in the WCHS paper and that was from a Don Fitch who is still living in the same area or not too far away. He said that he was trying to get in touch with a couple of folks that had lived right next to the cemetery but had not made contact as yet. He was planning to be married and I have not heard further from him. But I know that the holiday season was not the best time to make any progress in the genealogy quest.

So now will be trying to make contact with all my "contacts" and see if there is anything new. He hadn't given me a marriage date and that may also keep him quite busy!

Just a quick run-down on my husband's family so you would know where he is coming from. His oldest ancestor in the Wyoming Co. area was John Fitch who was one of the early settlers about 1788. He came with his son Nathaniel Fitch from Connecticut, and Nathaniel had Nathaniel Jr. who walked from PA to Indiana about 1832 and settled in DeKalb and Allen County, IN, where we still are living. We live about 6 miles or less from Nathaniel's original homestead and own a piece of the early property. We do not know what happened to the original John Fitch. Rumor has it that he was disgusted with the Pennamite Wars and the property settlements and gave his land to his sons Gideon and Nathaniel and went back to Connecticut. But we are not sure. There is no evidence of a grave in the Falls area for John or his wife Mary. In Indiana Nathaniel, Jr., had Mathias, and Mathias had John, and John had Otis, and Otis had Warren, who is my husband. We have 2 sons and 2 daughters and a dozen grandchildren.

My best source of information has been from another lady that had a query in the WCHS Lest we Forget paper several years ago. I stumbled on her name long after she had written to the paper, and sent a letter to her anyway and she responded and we have corresponded since that time. She is also a Sickler coming down from Jacob Sickler and Abigail Fitch so she has an interest in both names. Her name is Ann Hassold and perhaps you have even corresponded with her yourself. She sent me quite a bit of information on the Sickler family.

So I see that you must come from the Consider Townsend and Mariah Sickler family. Am I right about that? I know it is possible that there could have been other Townsends who married Sicklers, but that is the connection that I have that goes a long way back. If so your Mariah and her Jacob were brother and sister. She has sent me information on the original Sickler family but not so much down the line from there. Do you have it pretty well documented? If not, she might be able to help you. I will check with her to see if it is OK to give out her e-mail address, but would guess she would not care.

Also have been in contact with a Fitch friend in California who had contact with a Robert Scott Sickler whose ancestor was George Sickler, brother to Jacob who married Hannah Chatfield so would be an uncle to Mariah. I have some of his genealogy also and perhaps my friend in California has more. Not sure, but he carries some of the family down a ways. In looking through what I have of them, I do not see that he has carried Mariah and Consider down. But perhaps my friend did not send all she has to me. If you should want his e-mail address I can get that for you also.

There is a listing of the Fitch Cemetery records at the WCHS which you could probably get from them. The part that I have is only on the Fitch names and those very closely related to them. There may have been no Sicklers in that cemetery but all buried in the Roberts Cemetery. The only listings I have of the Roberts are also just the Fitch names. I know very little about the Townsend families except that one of the Flats named in the history of Wyoming County close to the Fitch farm was the Townsend Flats. Where did they come from? I do not find the Townsend name in the Norwalk CT area where we think John Fitch came from. My 1869 map (which I got from the WCHS) shows some Townsend names in the Falls area. There is a J. Townsend listed as owning property there at that time. I have not studied the map to see if there were other Townsends there or not. I would like to have some of your Sickler and Townsend Genealogy if you would care to share it. Are you just beginning or an old hand at this. I have the Family Tree Maker that I keep our family lines on, but so far what I have on the Sicklers is on paper, unless they cross the Fitch line.

Most counties have some of the cemetery records already done and I have needed to get the ones from the Fitch and Roberts

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The document also outlines the responsibilities of individuals involved in the process, including the need for transparency and accountability.

The second part of the document provides a detailed overview of the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It describes the different types of data sources, such as surveys, interviews, and focus groups, and explains how this information is used to identify trends and patterns. The document also discusses the importance of ensuring the reliability and validity of the data collected.

The third part of the document focuses on the analysis and interpretation of the data. It describes the various statistical techniques used to analyze the data, such as regression analysis and correlation analysis, and explains how these results are used to draw conclusions. The document also discusses the importance of considering the limitations of the data and the potential for bias.

The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the findings and the need for further research. It describes the various ways in which the findings can be used to inform policy and practice, and explains the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation. The document also discusses the need for continued research to address the challenges identified in the study.

The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions. It emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate records and the need for transparency and accountability. The document also discusses the implications of the findings and the need for further research.

Cemetery complete, but have not taken time to do so. I would think the WCHS would be your best bet on where to find the listing if it has been compiled. Usually someone goes and spends days in the cemetery and copies all the information that can be found and then it is compiled and printed up and put in local libraries. But it takes someone in the area to be able to spend the time day after day until it is done. Living in Indiana I have no way to do that or I might be interested if no one else had done it before.

My main interest has been to make a certain connection between John Fitch and the Norwalk family of Fitches. We think we have it, but would always welcome more proof and then I want to know all I can about the Fitch family of PA and their neighbors also. One thing usually leads to another.

Let me know how far along you are in your research and how far you want to go, and if the three folks named above could help you, or if you already know them. My husband does have some relatives that still live in the Falls area, but they are elderly and though they have been helpful, there are many things they cannot do. We met them for the first time when we went East in 1996. Would like to make the trip again, but as we are in the 70 age bracket do not know when we will do it. Right now our grandchildren consume most of our time.....playing baseball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball! It keeps us on the go most of the time. And I have a 92 year old mother who needs help. Warren lost his mother at the age of 99 years and 1 day this past April. And we have one daughter in Montana, and their sons run cross country and field events, one in college and one in high school.

Will stop for now. If you see any way we can help you here, let us know and keep in touch.

Betty Fitch, wife of Warren Fitch

1. The first part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

2. The second part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

3. The third part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

4. The fourth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

5. The fifth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

6. The sixth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

7. The seventh part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

8. The eighth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

9. The ninth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

10. The tenth part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

11. The eleventh part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to the various sub-committees. The names are listed in alphabetical order of the last name.

Subj: Re: Fitch Cemetery
Date: 01/06/2000 9:01:14 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty,

And a pleasure to make your acquaintance! Thanks for responding to my Fitch questions. Like you, I find one family dovetails into another so thought I'd try the Fitch angle.

I am descended from Consider and Mariah, and am the one that showed Ann Hassold my suspected SICKLER connection, and we figured it must be through Jacob and Hannah. Many TOWNSEND descendants seem to know Mariah was a SICKLER but didn't know whose. I've gone every angle I could to date and only 'prove' her as Jacob's from her birthdate, 1803, (oldest child; they married 1802), and the naming pattern of Consider and Mariah's children.

I've been 'at this' since mid-80's, sometimes more active and other times less. My dad passed last year, suddenly, and I decided I should get going again before I passed and all the work I'd done that was unfinished would be lost or unfinished. While I have four kids and soon a second grandchild and one daughter is curious about all this, I'm the legwork one that knows the connections that aren't always written in black in white. I'm sure you understand this. So I'm getting going again.

Yes, Ann Hassold is one of my favorite gen-links and has been a wealth of assistance, and a real peach to boot. I've gotten from her much SICKLER data to the original immigrant. My frustration is Mariah SICKLER Townsend, again, and my reason for

working another angle in research. She was living in Falls with her youngest son Ben in 1870 census but then disappears. Explorers at the TOWNSEND plot in the '70's found Consider's marker but not Mariah's. I came along exploring in late '80's and even Consider's marker was gone. My goal is to prove Mariah is Jacob & Hannah's. She's not mentioned in the will except in the phrase "my three daughters" (two directly named) but by Jacob's will writing Mariah had been married nearly 10 years and the other daughters and some sons were still at home, some minors.

You mention Warren's descent from John-Nathaniel-Nat. Jr. etc. Was Nat. #1 Sarah Keeler's husband or was this Nat. Jr. who went to IN? I'm sure Ann's shown you how we bump elbows with the Fitch's (Ann more directly) through Nat. & Sarah.

I'll try and get some data together for you on my Townsends and how they connect to the Sicklers. I have all Consider/Mariah's children figured out with spouses/children and some death/burial info. for some. There are still a couple I'm tracking to see if there's any mention of Sickler in the C & M children's obits. So far no luck.

Anyway will be getting back to you. I've got numerous irons in the fire presently and still find only 24 hrs. in a day; I could use about double that. Before I forget you asked where the Townsends came from. Everything seems to indicate my branch came from Dutchess Cty., NY or at least lived there for a time. I believe Consider was born there, and Mariah Sickler was also; Sicklers may have been Townsend neighbors. We know Levi Townsend/Rebecca Jones were parents of Consider but haven't been able to prove Levi's parents yet. Many Townsends lived in Dutchess, with same first names. Rebecca was daughter of Ben & Jemima Delevan Jones, and the Jones' came from CT. Don't know where the Delevans happened from but some were in NY also for the period.

See; you shouldn't have asked; I ramble on...

Will be in touch- Chris. Barnes

De

De

De

Hello Chris,

Thanks for getting right back to me. I probably do not have any help for you, but wanted you to know that from now on I will keep my eyes open for the Townsend name with you in mind. If any of the Fitch stuff would help you just ask, but assume that I have just about what Ann has. Yes, she is a peach! She has been so good to us in her sharing of her hard-earned papers and facts. I know how much time it takes and money too when you travel, but she has never failed to share her good finds with us. Things that at this time I have no way of getting.

We do have the great Fort Wayne Library, rated 2nd best in the nation next to the Salt Lake City one, but to find what you are looking for is not always easy. I have made quite a few trips there and still have little knowledge of how to find some of the items. I started with census records and did pretty well with those up to about 1860 and then have had no time to go much further. I have copied maps, county histories, and local cemetery records. We are lucky in that our ancestors back about 4 generations all were early pioneers in this area and so married, had babies, and died here and so are pretty easy to trace. I haunt the local cemeteries for information and find lots of good stuff. In fact, my Brown relatives have their own cemetery on the original farm, and it has recently been rediscovered (we knew it was there all the time) but the younger generation just found it, and it was in bad shape. The Boy Scouts came in and as a project cleaned it up and worked on getting the tombstones back in some kind of order. Has been several newspaper articles about this cemetery which has my great great grandfather Henry Brown and his wife, Mary, buried there. I had never been able to find their tombstones when we had been there some years ago, because it was such a tangled mess, but now they have been found and so I must get out there soon and get a picture of them. This genealogy thing seems to work little by little, and inch by inch, usually, but occasionally I hit a real jackpot as I did with my husband's DeLong name. Though we had them back 5 generations I had been able to go no further. Then through Genforum, discovered a DeLong who had the whole thing and so without my even asking, he e-mailed me his complete file for my FTM (Family Tree Maker) and I was in business. It came just 2 weeks before we were having a Fitch Reunion here in Fort Wayne and I needed the DeLong family history for that.

To answer your question about Nathaniel and Sarah Keeler. That was Nathaniel Fitch, Sr. who was born in 1782 in Connecticut and came as a child with his father, John Fitch and brother Gideon to the Falls area. Our Nathaniel, Jr. who came to Indiana married Sarah Elizabeth DeLong in 1840 and was the first marriage in Perry Township, Allen County, IN, where they settled. Nathaniel was a blacksmith as well as a saw mill owner and also ran a carding mill on Cedar Creek. He learned his blacksmith trade in Easton, PA, where he was sent to be an apprentice. He stayed less than a year and then went on home to be in business with his brother, Giles Fitch, in the blacksmithing and gunsmithing business. Giles married Emily Goodale.

Finally I guess there was not enough business to support 2 blacksmiths and so Nathaniel packed his bandana hankie satchel with a few necessities and took his gun and headed toward Indiana. He ended up being the blacksmith for the Wabash and Erie Canal and made all the locks for the section between Wabash and Ft. Wayne. He was in Indiana in 1832, married and settled down in 1840. He had purchased land in both Allen and DeKalb Counties by 1838. Nathaniel and Sarah ended up with 15 children, and raised 13 of them who outlived both the parents.

So it was Nathaniel Fitch, Sr. who was married to Sarah Keeler. The Keeler genealogy was somewhat easier to trace than the Fitch one. Both Nathaniel, Sr. and Sarah Keeler Fitch are buried in the "Fitch" cemetery, or were before it was moved. Yes, it looks like the Fitches and the Sicklers did marry back and forth.

I have purchased all of the "Lest We Forget" newsletters from the WCHS and have scoured them pretty thoroughly for names connected with the Fitch family. However, I did not make note of the Townsend names, but sure they are there. I have four 2-inch notebooks with the newsletters in so there are a lot of them.

The other place I have taken information from is Shoemaker's book on the area and am sure you have already gone through that one too, though it is hard to find certain names there. About have to read through the whole thing. Most good stuff is in the footnotes!! My main concern has been to tie John Fitch who came as a settler to PA with the Norwalk or Fairfield Fitch families and get him connected to the right one. Ann has been a real blessing with that as she found information that I had not found.

So, yes will appreciate what you have on your Townsend and Sickler families as it will help me to keep my eyes open for more in my search of Wyoming County, PA, for your families and not duplicate what you already have. Roy DeLong and I just e-mail what new information we run across back and forth and have added new things to our DeLong genealogy by both of us being on the lookout for new things. Guess I should ask what area of the country you live in at the present time. We have added a lot of new names just by watching the obits in our local papers. Still a lot of DeLong folks around! Coming and going

I guess!

24) Talk about rambling on.....I am the queen of that! I understand what you mean about having a lot of the information in your head. It is only the ones who work on it that can put the families together in their head. I also am trying to get everything down on paper and have sent much of it to my children and grandchildren. A couple years ago I made up 200 page notebooks for them with articles and pictures and genealogies in and have added to that each Christmas, but I have so much that would probably lost should I leave this world before I get it in some sort of order. My guess is that I have about 100 or more notebooks of my own on the various families and about 10 on the Fitch name alone. A lot of the in-depth genealogies I have not given out to the family as I am just trying to get them interested, but have studied it so much that I can hook up various families with ease without going to my books. I, too have several grandkids that seem interested, but the younger generation is so busy they hardly have time to stop long enough to absorb it. Guess we were the same way at their age! When anyone in the Fitch family wants to know about anyone else in the Fitch family, they come to me, and even my husband will say "what about so and so and where to they fit it?" I spent several years as the secretary of the Fitch family reunion here in Indiana and they have been having them yearly since about 1904. Recently we decided to cut it down to every 5 years as folks are so scattered around the country and many are getting so much older.

Will stop before I wear you out completely. Be waiting to hear from you on your family and then about the best I can do is just keep watching for items of interest to you. E-mail is great, isn't it??? Ask for anything you think I might have that would be of interest to you.

Betty Fitch

P.S. Also found an L. Townsend on my 1869 map along the Susquehanna.
The Delevans are connected to the Morehouse family. Not sure of the connection.
Apparently J. Townsend had a store and post office in Falls as that is what shows on the map.

Family Group Record

FamilySearch® Ancestral File™ v4.19

[Download GEDCOM](#)

Husband's Name

[Levi TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:CJJT-94)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 6 May 1770 **Place:** Bolton, Worcester, Ma
Died: 1827/1834 **Place:** Falls Township, Lucerne, Pennsylvania
Married: **Place:**

Father: [James TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:ZSP7-T3)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Hannah MIRIAM](#) (AFN:ZSP7-QK)

Wife's Name

[Rebecca JONES](#) (AFN:CJJT-B9)[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1769 **Place:** , , Pennsylvania
Married: **Place:**

Father: [Benjamin JONES](#) (AFN:L813-MX)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Jemima DELVAN](#) (AFN:L813-N4)

Children

1. Sex Name

F [Sarah TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNH-VB)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** 1755/1784 **Place:** < , , Penn>

2. Sex Name

F [Rhoda TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-H9)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** Abt 1755/1784 **Place:** , , Penn

3. Sex Name

M [Zepenia TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-JG)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** Abt 1774/1784 **Place:** , , Penn

4. Sex Name

M [Peter TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-KM)[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1774/1784 **Place:** < , , Penn>
Died: 1867 **Place:**

5. Sex Name

M [Charles TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-LS)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** Abt 1774/1784 **Place:** < , , Penn>

6. Sex Name

F [Rebecca TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNK-C1)[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1774/1784 Place: <, , Penn>

7. Sex Name

F [Susanna TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNK-FC)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1780/1790 Place: , , Penn

8. Sex Name

M [Benjamin TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:L817-FG)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 6 Jul 1790 Place: , , Penn

9. Sex Name

F [Minerva TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:44G2-C1)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 9 Dec 1797 Place: Fallstown, Luzerne, Pa

Died: 22 Jan 1852 Place: Oregon, Ogle, Il

Buried: Place: Chapel Hill Cem., Pine Rock, Ogle, Illinois

10. Sex Name

M [Levi \(Levy\) TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-QH)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1790/1800 Place: <, , Penn>

11. Sex Name

F [Consider TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-RN)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1790/1800 Place: <Fallstown, Lucerne, Pennsylvania>

12. Sex Name

F [TOWNSEND](#) (AFN:JKNG-ST)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1790/1800 Place: Fallstown, Lucerne, Pennsylvania

Died: Bef 1827 Place:

© 1999 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. English approval: 3/1999

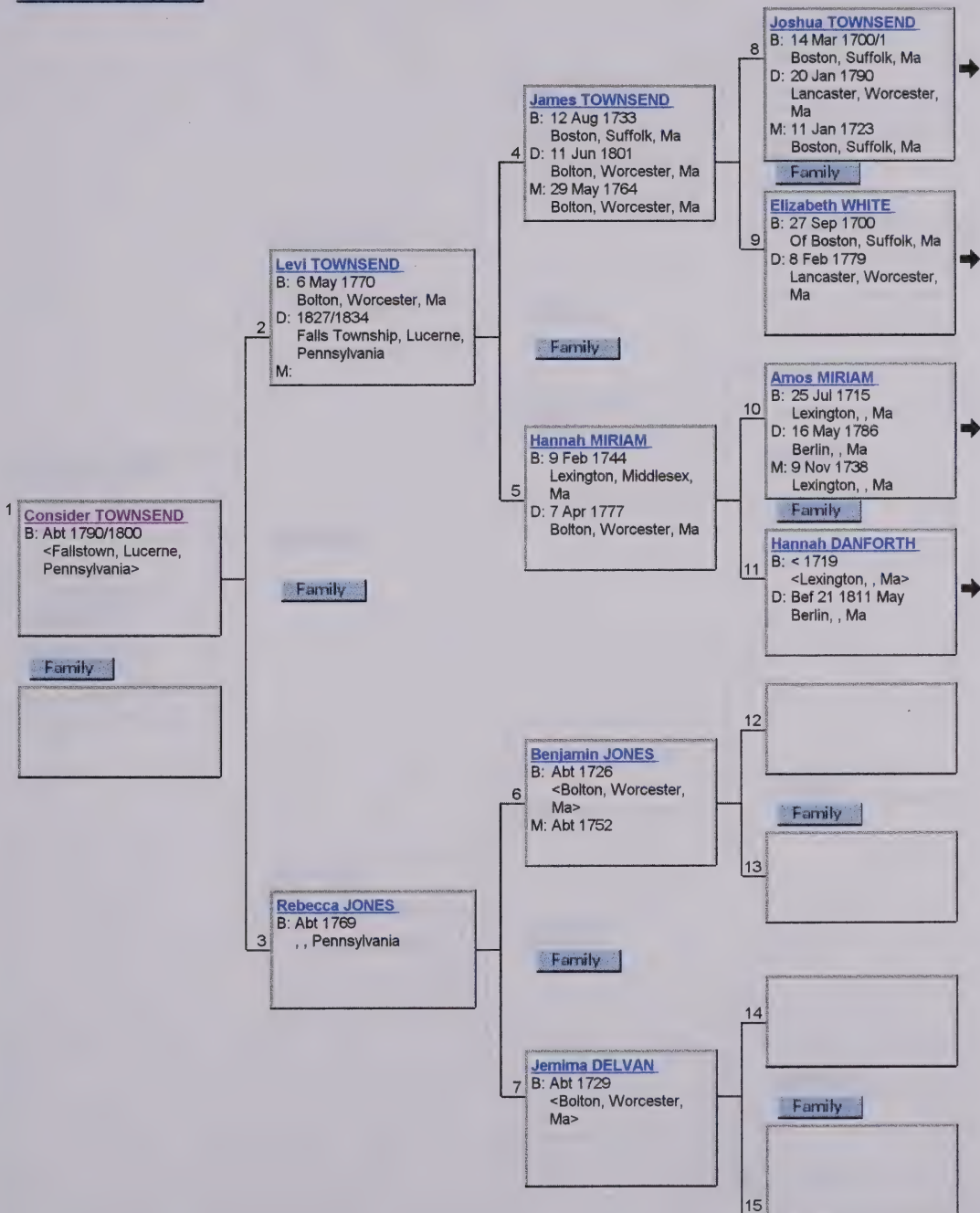
Use of this site constitutes your acceptance of these [Conditions of Use](#). Last updated: 3/22/1999

[Privacy Policy](#). Last updated: 3/22/1999

Pedigree Chart

FamilySearch® Ancestral File™ v4.19

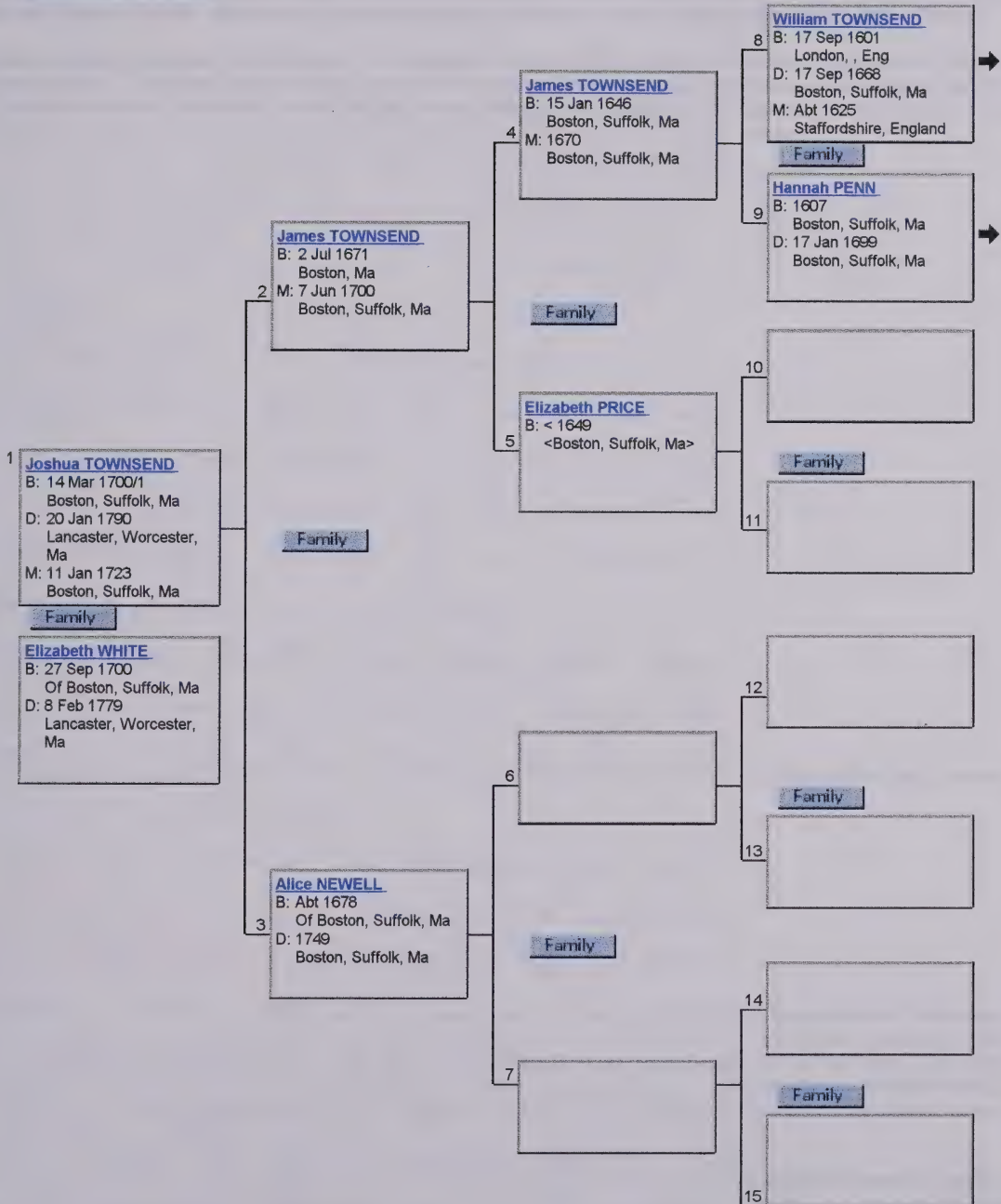
Download GEDCOM

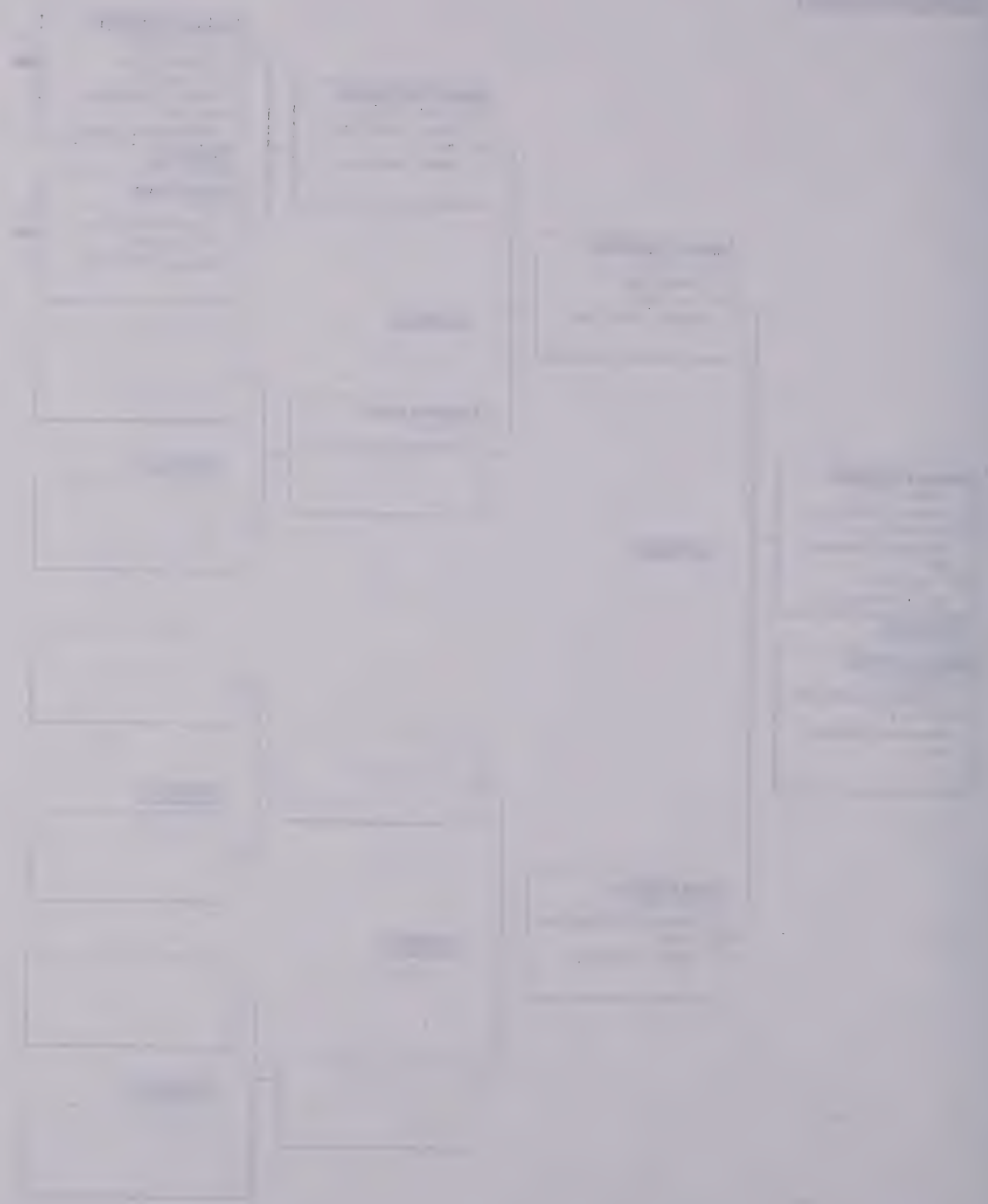


Pedigree Chart

FamilySearch® Ancestral File™ v4.19

Download GEDCOM





537 Peebles St, 2nd Fl.

Pgh PA 15221

14 Jan 2000

Hi Betty-

Enclosed are two Townsend sheets that show my ancestors back to Levi, as far as any Levi descendants have proved. To conserve space you'll have to jump around as I placed them to make them fit. My line is Levi - Consider - Sydney - Alvah - Howard - Margaret.

If you have Sickler data/sheets from Ann Hassold you have my Sickler tree. Mariah wife of Consider is Jacob Sickler's oldest daughter and Johann Jorg is Jacob's father.

I was going through my Townsend file and found a whole Townsend branch that had been buried in Fitch Cem. Don't know if they moved to Roberts or were scattered. Research was pre-1975. This is descendant + family of Levi but not my branch.

Enjoying corresponding with you and yes this E-mail is great. I'm several months new to it but enjoying it immensely; already saving time + postage.

Will be in touch - if uncertain / unclear about sheets just "E-me".

Best,

Chris. Barnes

Hi Chris,

Received your letter with your family information and I enjoyed reading it over and seeing how many other Luzerne PA names are in the Townsend family. So now have a pretty good grasp of who you are and where you are coming from. Thanks!

I did have a question about the Fitch cemetery. You mentioned a couple of times that there had been some of the Townsend family buried there. I have just 2 reports of who was in the cemetery. The first one was from a researcher who had done his work before the cemetery was moved, but he had only written down the Fitch names so that was all I had until the copy of the inscriptions was put in the WCHS which was Feb. 15, 1985. That list had just the following names:

Lydia, wife of Allen Fitch
Jennie, dau. of A.B., and Lucinda
John Fitch and Rose Swartwood
Mary, wife of Lynford Siglin
Sarah, dau of Morgan and Mary, wife of Ziba Smith
Nathaniel
Sarah, wife of Nathaniel
_____ son of Seymour and Elizabeth
Lydia, dau. of Spencer Fitch
Spencer Fitch
Elizabeth, his wife
Seymour Fitch
Elizabeth, his wife
Henry, son of Wm. S. and Lydia Fitch
Frank A. Fitch and Ophelia A.
Allen Fitch and Lydia Beemer
Andrew J. Hufford
Carrie Hufford, dau. of A.J. and Lizzie S.
Lizzie S. wife of N.S. Montrose
John Allen Siglin
Lynford Siglin
Mary Fitch, his wife
Sarah Smith, dau. of Morgan and Mary Fitch wife of Ziba Smith
Rose Swartwood, wife of John Fitch

A couple of those were repeated twice, but found no other names. Wonder if there is another list somewhere that I have not found as yet??

Also found the Townsend Cemetery in the same issue with:

Dillavan, son of Consider and Maria
Consider Townsend
Elmer, son of Consider and Maria
Sally M., wife of Benjamin Townsend

So do you have another list for the Fitch cemetery with some Townsend names on it? I wonder now just where the original Fitch cemetery really was? The 1869 map does show what appears to be a cemetery north of the Roberts cemetery. Just wondering if there were others buried there and another list somewhere. If you know of another list let me know. Also do you have all the issues of the WCHS newsletters? If not I will keep my eyes open for other Townsend articles from that for you. I don't think I have missed any issues though I just sent for them a year or two ago. Since I was aware of the Sickler name, I did make note of that as I read through the issues.

Must stop for now. Have a basketball game coming up shortly and must get ready. We had a fairly nice snow this morning, but the predicted winds did not materialize and we are glad about that. It is easy to drive through 5 inches of snow if it doesn't blow and drift, and we are 'hicks' living way out here in the country of Indiana!

Betty

Subj: Re: Fitch Cem.
Date: 01/22/2000 8:26:23 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
/ WFitch5413

Hey Betty!

Sorry; just had to use that opener as here in Pgh. there is a vintage clothing shop with just that name. I promise to behave for the rest of this E.

I don't know that I have actually been to Fitch Cem. but may have. Some years back I explored Falls and Wyoming Cty. cems., looking for clues before I realized there was a WCHS with some compiled records. I wrote down 'my' names but little else. Then did some research and found records, wrote them down and now I don't really know which notes came from exploring and which from other's work. Fitch Cem. is familiar to me as I've seen it referenced numerous times over the years, and when I stumbled on the SICKLER name found some Sicklers had been listed buried in "Fitch moved to Roberts". I may have been to Roberts, also, but don't know as there were no signs saying 'Fitch' or 'Roberts' back then. A cousin did send me some photos of Townsend stones (indirect to my line) that I know were supposed to be Fitch moved to Roberts also so there may have been other burials too. I am uncertain whether stones remained in Fitch or just the certain stones referenced were "moved to Roberts". From maps it appears the cemeteries may have been closeby each other. So I'm not much help. May be more Fitch burials than you have listed.

I lapsed my WCHS membership during some busy years so did miss some issues but found some back issues at my local library of all places. Will keep my eyes peeled for Fitch data as I go through records. I'm almost certain my g.grandfather Alvah Townsend

had a friend or schoolmate at the Harford School for Orphans (Civil War) in Susq. Cty. here; the Fitch name has always been familiar to me. Also think there was a Fitch person calling card in my g. grandmother's effects that I inherited in 1984. I kept nothing,

combing for clues (to my then wife's frustration!) Still have the stuff (somewhere); also think if there was a Fitch classmate at Harford I may also have a photo in an album somewhere; the name is just too familiar, more than just a name I've run across researching. Will keep you posted if I stumble across anything concrete; these are just vague hunches.

Wow! You play basketball! You're doing pretty good! (And I said I was going to behave...!)

Will keep you posted and will keep in touch; I'm enjoying this-

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

First of all to get you on the straight path, no, I do not play basketball. It is the grandkids who do the playing, we just go to watch! I can shoot a few baskets, but more than that they would probably be taking me to the hospital!! My only sport has been bowling which I did fairly well at. When I was in school, the girls didn't play basketball or if we did it was in PE and half-court. Just didn't want you to think I was something I am not!

I am wondering if perhaps the other tombstones were moved from Fitch to Roberts at an earlier date and put in the Roberts behind the fence. Since the Fitch stones are on the outside and were moved in 1975 (the marker says), and since there are just a few of them, my guess is that by the time they made the move, these were all that was left in the Fitch Cemetery.

That reminded me that I should send a letter to Vera Fitch Davis who is still living in the area and ask her as she grew up there and said that when she was a youngster she swam at Buttermilk Falls. She should be able to tell me or maybe even draw me a map just where the original Fitch cemetery was. Our trip there was so short that she just showed us where the Roberts Cem. was and we went on by ourselves to find it and the Fitch stones. They had a gravel pit right next to the Roberts Cemetery and we just assumed at the time that this had been the location of the original Fitch cemetery.....somewhere in the area that had been dug up. I am sure none of it is left and that all the stones that were there were moved, but as I said, maybe there were not a lot left by the time the move came about. Anyway, I will make a few more inquiries and see what else I can find out.

Surely would like to have copies of any Fitch folk photos you might run across in your items. As I said, I do have all the WCHS papers and have taken all the Fitch and Sickler items from them. Plus some of the Miller, Siglin, and other names that cross the Fitch line. And all the Keeler names and those they married into also. See that Clarissa, Paul's daughter, married Benjamin Townsend.

Yes, Ann sent me your Sickler background so I do have that in pretty good detail. As much as she knew at the time anyway. Will keep in touch with anything new I might find.

tty

FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name

Levi Townsend

This Information Obtained From:

History of Eugene,
Locke, Wm. & Wm.
Cay, P.A. by P. W.
Munzell & Co. 1880

Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on
Birth							
Chr'd							
Mar.							
Death			1834	EXETER TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	
Burial							

- Will of Levi Townsend

Places of Residence	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.

- Michael Shoemaker Book

Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.

- PA census

His Father	Mother's Maiden Name

- Correspondence from
descendants of Minerva,
Rebecca, Susanna

Wife's Full Maiden Name							Rebecca Jones
Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on
Birth							
Chr'd							
Death				EXETER TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	
Burial							

Christopher R. Barnes
537 Peebles St., 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Places of Residence	Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation

Date C. 1999

Her Father	Ben Jones Sr.	Mother's Maiden Name	JENNIFER DELEVAN
------------	---------------	----------------------	------------------

Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on
M 1 Peter	Birth			1793	Falls	Wyoming	PA	
Full Name of Spouse Mary Polly Osterhout	Mar.			11 FEB 1917				
	Death			1968	FACTORYVILLE	LEWIS	1904 1799-1871	
	Burial							
M 2 Zephaniah	Birth							JOHN
Full Name of Spouse PRUDENCE HARDING	Mar.							JAMES
	Death			1915	1837	Addison	Stouben CTY NY	maybe others
	Burial							
M 3 Benjamin	Birth			6 JULY 1790				11
Full Name of Spouse CLAUSSA KEELER	Mar.							children
	Death							
	Burial							
F 4 Sarah	Birth							
Full Name of Spouse MAJOR JONES	Mar.							
	Death							
	Burial							
F 5 Rhoda	Birth							
Full Name of Spouse BENJAMIN KINYON	Mar.							
	Death							
	Burial							
F 6 Minerva	Birth			9 DEC 1797	FALLS TWP WYOMING CTY	(THEN LUCAS)		
Full Name of Spouse LUTHER DAILEY	Mar.			1814				- 9 children
	Death			22 JAN 1852	PINE ROCK COUNTY	ILLINOIS		
	Burial							
F 7 Rebecca	Birth				Falls Township, Wyoming Co., PA			
Full Name of Spouse JOSIAH STERUNG	Mar.							
	Death			1858				- 11 children
	Burial							
F 8 Susanna	Birth			3 MAR 1793	Black Walnut, Wyoming Co., PA			
Full Name of Spouse HOMAN BEECHER MORGAN	Mar.			? 1815	ADDISON STEUBEN CTY NY			- 11 children
	Death			1861				
	Burial							
M 9 Charlen	Birth							- HANNAH
Full Name of Spouse AMY WILLIAMS	Mar.			1821				- NANCY
	Death							- LEVI
	Burial							- maybe others
M 10 Considerate	Birth			1799				
Full Name of Spouse Maria Sickler	Mar.			1820				- 12 children
	Death			12 16 1861				
	Burial							

11) LEVI IN 1820 NY COUNTY SULLIVAN CTY

County	Date	Amount	Year	Particulars
				ISSUING FULL NAME TOWNSEND ALVAH B.

NAME	DATE	MONTH	YEAR	NO. OF DAYS	NO. OF HOURS	NO. OF MINUTES	NO. OF SECONDS
TOWNSEND, HOWARD S.							

[illegible]

Mr. Father	AUSTIN S. WHITE	Woman's Mission Home	MARG. LEWIS
------------	-----------------	----------------------	-------------

Calendar & Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country
	Birth		1882	GLENBURN	ABINGDON TWP	LAKELAND, ONTARIO

Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Provincial, etc.	State or Country
Birth	19 JUNE 1926	SCRAWTON	LAKSHMANNA	PA

Mar.		
Death	1957	

Mar.	28 JUNE 1948	CLARKS SUMMIT "	"
Death			

Burial	CLARK'S GREEN CEM
Hum	02 DEC 1892 GLENVIEW ADJACENT TO LAKE MICHIGAN

Deaths	
Burial	

DATE	SEP 1925
NO.	27
NAME	TAI 10914

DATE	
Mo.	
Day	

Death	1984		
Burial			
Notes	CLARKS GREEN CEM.		

Death		
Burial		

Birth			
Mar.			

Birth	
Mar.	

Death	
Burial	

Death	
Burial	

Birth		
Mar.		

Birth	
Mar.	

Death	
Burial	

Death	Burial

John	
Mar.	

Birth	
Mar.	

	Death	Burial

Death		
Burial		

Birth	Mar

Birth	
Mar	

[illegible]

Death		
-------	--	--

Country	
Birth	

Bundel	
Binn	

Mar.	
Death	

Mar	
Death	

Burial		
Birth		

Birth	
Burial	

Mar.	Death

War	
Death	

Overall	
Mean	

Birth	
Death	

Mar	
Death	

Mar	
Death	

8000	
8100	

Burial	
Ship	

Mar			
Mar			

[illegible]

FAMILY GROUP NO.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Full Name

CONSIDERATE TOWNSEND

- 1850/60 PA CENSUS

- MICHAEL SHOEMAKER BOOK P. 345

- TOWNSEND SOCIETY, SPRING 93

- PROPERTY TRANSFERS, DEEDS

- OLD TOWNSEND FAMILY LETTERS

- SYDNEY'S CIVIL WAR LETTERS

- FAMILY AFFIDAVITS

- NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS

- RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	16 DEC 1789			NY	- FINGER IN
Chr'd					ABSTENTIA IN
Mar.	29 OCT 1820	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	WAL OF 1812
Death	16 DEC 1861	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	- EXECUTOR OF
Burial	DEC 1861	TOWNSEND PLOT, FALLS			FATHER'S WILL
Places of Residence	NEW YORK STATE, WYOMING (FALLS LUCERNE) CTY PA				
Occupation	FARMER	Church Affiliation		Military Rec.	
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
His Father	LEVI TOWNSEND	Mother's Maiden Name	REBECCA JONES		

Wife's Full Maiden Name

MARIA SICKLER

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	24 JUNE 1803		DUTCHESS CTY	NY	
Chr'd					
Death	after 1876	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	
Burial					
Places of Residence					
Occupation if other than housewife					
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
Her Father	JACOB SICKLER	Mother's Maiden Name	HANNAH CHATFIELD		

Christopher R. Barnes
537 Peebles St., 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Date C. 1999

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of Birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1 HANNAH	Birth	10 AUG 1821	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) REBECCA 2) BEN
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	4 DEC 1844	BENTON TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	
	JACOB STATES	Death					
		Burial					
	3 NANCY	Birth	31 DEC 1824	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	ANDREW LEVI,
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	OCT 1842				LEWIS, ALVEY, UN
	JOEL COMPTON	Death	11 AUG 1906		LEE CO	IL	ARILLA, HARVEY
		Burial			LEE COUNTY	ILLINOIS	
	4 LEVI	Birth	23 OCT 1826	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) GILES FRANKLIN
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	8 JUNE 1846				
	LAURA AKELY	Death	7 NOV 1878		WYOMING CTY	PA	
		Burial			Possibly Townsend plot, falls		
	5 SYDNEY	Birth	06 AUG 1828	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) ALVAH b. 1854
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	08 DEC 1852	KINGSTON TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	2) FIRMEN 1858
	MARY HAWK	Death	04 AUG 1864	BROADWAY LANDING	VIRGINIA		3) FRANCES 1860
		Burial		CITY POINT NAT'L. CEM.	HOPEWELL VIRGINIA		4) BEN 5) ALICE
	6 JACOB	Birth	29 AUG 1830	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) CLAUDE LESUE
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					2) HARRIET
	HELEN	Death	24 JUNE 1904	HILLSIDE HOSP.	ABINGTON TWP	LACAWANNA CTY	PA
		Burial					
	7 DILLAVAN	Birth	29 JULY 1832	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	UNMARRIED
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	22 FEB 1855	FALLS	WYOMING CTY	PA	
		Burial		TOWNSEND PLOT, FALLS, WYOMING CTY. PA			
	2 REBECCA	Birth	06 AUG 1823	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) SARAH - I
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	after 1847				2) ANNI M.
	ADAM SHOEMAKER	Death	10 NOV 1903	JANEVILLE	ROCK CTY	WI	3) CHARLES B.
		Burial	12 NOV 1903	JANEVILLE	ROCK CTY	WI	4) WILLIAM E.
	8 GILES	Birth	18 SEP 1834	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	UNMARRIED
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	4 JULY 1877				
		Burial		probably Townsend Plot FALLS			
	9 MARIA	Birth	4 NOV 1836	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) DELEVAN
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	22 SEP 1853				2) CHAS. 3) WILLIOT
	HORACE W. FINN	Death					4) HORACE 5)
		Burial					6) 7)
	10 HARRIET	Birth	9 DEC 1838	EXETER TWP	LUCERNE CTY	PA	1) CORA MIDE
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	22 MAR 1858		WISCONSIN	WI	2) ALBERT
	HUGH CHAPIN	Death	22 MAR 1901				3) ALBERT
		Burial					4) LILLY

- 11 TH & 12 CHILDREN REVERSE -

For All Copyright 1993 by The Estate Publishers, Inc.
P.O. Box 100, Lehigh, PA 18201
GENEALOGICAL RECORDS: Send for a free catalogue with
this card and arrangements at any genealogical office.

maternal
grandmother's
name
(actually
child # 2)

note:
out of
order -

paternal
grandfather's
name

derivative
of
"Considerate" M

maternal
grandfather's
name M

derivative
of
"Delevan" M

note:
she is
2nd child
paternal
grandmother's
name

note:
she is
2nd child
paternal
grandmother's
name

11) CHARLES b. 11 MAY 1841 EXETER TWP LUCERNE CTY PA CHILDREN
m. SPOUSE 1) MYRTLE
1) ? NETTIE? d. ~~APR 1890~~ EL PASO TEXAS 2) HARRY ^{deed above}
2) ELIZABETH ^{11/18/1888}
^{buried}
^{El Paso}
AROUND 2-18-1889 CONCORDIA CEMETERY EL PASO CTY TX

12) BENJAMIN b. 5 SEP 1844 FALLS TWP WYOMING CTY PA CHILDREN
m. SPOUSE 1) CARRIE
1) FANNY MILLER 2) 01 MAR 1905 POYNTELL WAYNE COUNTY PA 2) KATE
2) CLARA MAUD WARD d. 15 DEC 1915 TARPON SPRINGS FLA 3) CHARLES

FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name SYDNEY TOWNSEND

This Information Obtained From:

- CIVIL WAR PENSION/SERVICE RECORDS, CENSUS RECORDS,	Birth	06 AUG 1829	EXETER TWP. LUCERNE CTY PA	DEATH FROM
- CIVIL WAR CORRESPONDENCE	Chr'nd			TYPHUS IN
- MARY WIGHT WILL	Mar.	08 DEC 1852	KINGSTON TWP. LUCERNE CTY	CIVIL WAR;
- ALVAH TOWNSEND WILL	Death	04 AUG 1864	BROADWAY LANDING VIRGINIA	CONN. HEAVY
- FAMILY RECORDS	Burial	CITYPOINT NAT'L. CEM. - HOPEWELL	VIRGINIA	ARTILLERY
	Places of Residence	FALLS TWP. WYOMING CTY.		

Wife's Full Maiden Name MARY ELIZABETH HAWK

	Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	12	APR	1836	KINGSTON TWP.	LUCERNE CTY.	PA.	REMARRIED TO AMOS WIGHT IN ABINGTON TWP. ABOUT 1873
	Chr'nd							
	Death	23	NOV	1926	WEST SIDE HOSP.	SCRANTON	PA.	
	Burial	25	NOV	1926	CLARKS GREEN CEM.	LACKAWANNA CTY.	PA.	

Christopher R. Barnes
537 Peebles St., 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Date	C. 1999	Places of Residence	KINGSTON TWP, FALLS TWP, ABINGTON TWP.					
		Occupation if other than housewife	Hotel Keeper, GLENBURN PA.					
		Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	(2) AMOS WIGHT, HOTEL KEEPER, GLENBURN PA.					
		Her Father	ISAAC HAWK			Mother's Maiden Name	JULIA ANN KIRKENDALL	

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 ALVAH B. ^(nd. 1) ?	Birth	17	AUG	1854	FALLS TWP.	WYOMING CTY	PA.	1) EDNA M.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	26	DEC	1881	ABINGTON TWP	LACKAWANNA CTY	PA	2) HOWARD S.
	2) VIOLET GARDNER	Death	24	JUN	1933	CLARKS SUMMIT	LACKA. CTY	PA	3) FIRST WIFE WHICH FRANCES AND SYDNEY
		Burial	26	JUN	1933	CLARKS GREEN CEM.	LACKA. CTY.	PA	
M	2 FIRMAN GEORGE ^(nd. 1) ?	Birth	11	FEB	1858	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	• GEORGE WHITMAN TOWNSEND
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							(NOT OF HARRIET)
	(2) HARRIET BACAULEY	Death				BINGHAMPTON	NEW YORK		
		Burial							
F	3 FRANCES MARY	Birth	20	JAN	1860	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	- ARCHIBALD TOWNSEND BROWN
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			1876				
	JOHN BROWN	Death							
		Burial				HYDE PARK	SCRANTON PA		
F	4 ALLIE M.	Birth			PRIOR 1864	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	- MENTIONED IN SYDNEY'S CIVIL WAR LETTERS
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death			CHILDHOOD				
		Burial							
M	5 BENJAMIN	Birth			PRIOR 1864	FALLS TWP	WYOMING CTY	PA	" SAME "
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death			CHILDHOOD				
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*								

LINE OF CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES

TOWNSEND

Levi Townsend and
1770-1827/34

Rebecca Jones
1769-

Considerate Townsend
1789-1861

and Mariah Sickler
1803-after 1876

Sydney Townsend
1828-1864

and Mary Hawk

Alvah B. Townsend and
1854-1933

Violet Gardner
1860-1924

Howard S. Townsend
1892-1984

and Zaida Jane White
1904-1967

Margaret Jane Townsend
1926-

and Samuel J. Barnes

Christopher takes his family back to Levi Townsend. On the LDS site you will find it taken further back, but may not be correct as follows:

William Townsend and Hannah Penn, England
James Townsend and Elizabeth Price, Mass.
James Townsend and Alice Newell, Mass.
Joshua Townsend and Elizabeth White, Mass.
James Townsend and Hannah Miriam, Mass.
Levi Townsend and Rebecca Jones, Mass. To Luzerne, PA

LEVI TOWNSEND	and	Rebecca Jones (dau. Ben Jones and Jeimimah Delevan
Peter	and	Mary Polly Osterhout (dau. Of John)
Zephaniah	and	Prudence Harding (dau. Stephen and Jain)
Benjamin	and	Clarissa Keeler (dau. Of Paul)
Sarah	and	Major Jones
Rhoda	and	Benjamin Kinyon (son of Comfort and Alice)
Minerva	and	Luther Dailey (son of Joseph and Elinor)
Rebecca	and	Josiah Sterling (son of Samuel and Mary)
Susanna	and	Homan Beecher Morgan
Charles	and	Amy Williams (dau. Of Rufus and Amy Jenkins
Considerate	and	Mariah Sickler (dau. Of Jacob and Hannah)

CONSIDERATE TOWNSEND and Mariah Sickler

Hannah	and	possibly Jacob States (or was Jacob child #2?)
Nancy	and	Loel Compton
Levi	and	Laura Akely
Sydney	and	Mary Elizabeth Hawk
Jacob	and	Helen
Dillavan		
Rebecca	and	Adam Shoemaker
Giles	and	
Maria	and	Horace W. Finn
Harriet	and	Hugh Chapin
Charles	and	Nettie or Elizabeth ?
Benjamin	and	Fannie Miller and Clara Maud Ward

SYDNEY TOWNSEND	and	Mary Elizabeth Hawk
Alvah B.		and Violet Gardner
Firman George	and	Harriet Bacauley
Frances Mary	and	John Brown
Allie M.		
Benjamin		

ALVAH B. TOWNSEND	and	Violet Gardner
Edna May	and	John T. Watson
Howard Sidney	and	Jane White

HOWARD S. TOWNSEND	and	Zaida Jane White
Margaret Fane	and	Samuel J. Barnes

CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES

Subj: FITCH-SICKLER-TOWNSEND...
Date: 01/25/2000 7:05:22 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Cast everything aside and impulsively looked for the Harford School pix of my Alvah Townsend's classmates. No Fitch, just a Goodrich, Sweet, and Crandall. Sorry; I tried. Can't immediately find the 'calling cards' of Alvah's wife Violet which I'm a little more certain will show a Fitch visitor. But then my memory isn't what it once was...

Because of you and your queries I took another look in the TOWNSEND file for clues.

You mentioned maybe your list of Fitch was incomplete? Wonder if it showed a Freeman and Mary A. (Sherwood) Townsend buried there? I have Mary as being buried there, died 27 Oct. 1876. Also found a Peter II. and Eliz. (Ball) Townsend and their children Charles, Daniel, Oscar, Daisey, Wm. P. and wife Martha (Odell), Minnie and husband Charles Odell (brother and sister md. brother and sister) and Byron H. connected with Fitch/Roberts. Sometimes I see them listed as Fitch moved to Roberts, other times just Fitch. Have also seen reference to a SICKLER Cem. which has been interchanged with both Fitch and Roberts. Don't know if there was a separate Sickler Cem. at one time which was moved? This Peter II, by the way, was son of Levi's son Peter.

The plot thickens but wish we had answers So much we have to speculate. Will be interested to hear from your Buttermilk Falls swimmer. Saw the Falls, late '80's. My Townsends (and Sicklers) were thick as thieves there at one time, as were Warren's Fitches, looking on two old plot maps. Also checked out my Lucerne and Wyoming land grant lists to see if any Fitches and Townsends transacted but didn't see any. Will stay attuned; so much research, so little time!

Chris.

Hi Chris,

Just got back a letter from our Fitch lady in Tunkhannock, Vera Fitch Davis. She had some bad news in that she lost her husband in October. Not sure how old he was but around 80 I would guess. She is on the lookout for information about the Fitch Cemetery and might come up with a photo for me. She did talk to a lady who lived right next to the cemetery for many years, who is 90, but she did not have any photos. This is what Vera wrote to me about the cemetery:

"When I was a little girl we lived in the John Fitch house for a couple of years. The old Fitch Cemetery was about 1/4 mile from the house. It was approximately a mile from the Roberts Cemetery. I was working in the office for the East Falls Sand and Gravel Company when they wanted to move the old Fitch Cemetery and I signed a paper giving them permission to move the cemetery. No one could get to it or ever went to the cemetery. It was overgrown with big weeds and the Sand Co. had dug all around it leaving no road to get there."

She also says there is a John Fitch house in the area, but that would not be the original homestead house. I believe I mentioned a John Fitch who married Rose Swartwood and wonder if it was their house. Anyway, that would be a good thing to look for. She drew me a little map where the house is and the cemetery was, but without some later plat maps I don't think I could find it. She shows the house, the cemetery, and the East Falls Sand and Gravel Company surrounding the cemetery on her drawing, but without later maps I have cannot figure out how it connects to Road 92 at this point. ~~I believe that I may write to Don Fitch and see if he might be able to find some plat maps to make some copies of. Just a thought.~~ Might also find some in the Fort Wayne Library but they usually have county maps, but not much in township maps with roads and landowners except around our own areas.

At this time I will not ask Vera to do anymore than what she is already doing. She is alone now, but does have a son who lives not too far away. It will take some time to recover from losing her husband. She does drive so that is a help for her. She is not dependent on anyone else to get around.

I have no lists of the Fitch Cemetery that has any Townsend names in it at all. No there was no Freeman or Mary Sherwood Townsend or children there. How does Mary fit into the Sherwood family, do you know? I have a photo (just a cheap copy) of a store in Falls that was the O'dell store at the turn of the century. Vera sent it to me. If the folks were Fitch moved to Roberts then again it may have been much earlier than the final move of the Fitches and they may be inside the fence at Roberts. What I need is a complete listing of the Roberts Cemetery. All I have are the Fitch family and relatives that are buried there and the few photos that I took and none of them were of the Townsend family.

What plat maps do you have? The ones that I have are about 1869 I believe and I got that from the WCHS. It is good but comes in sections. I don't know if that county made plat maps for later years or not, but I know here in Allen County, Indiana, we can get plat maps up until just recent years. They may still be making them. But some for the 1880s and at the turn of the century and in the 1940's or 50's could be helpful in pinning down just where things are now in connection to where they were back in the early days. One thing for sure, the Susquehanna has not changed that much so that is a pretty stable landmark.

Well, had better stop for this time. Sorry there is no real new news but will just have to keep working on it.

Betty

Sun, 06 Feb 2000 13:04:13 -0500
Received: from turtle (tc4-2-15.cyberport.net [208.168.121.142])
by cpmt2.cyberport.net (8.9.3/8.9.3) with SMTP id LAA00210
for <Wfitch5413@aol.com>; Sun, 6 Feb 2000 11:04:09 -0700 (MST)
Date: Sun, 6 Feb 2000 11:04:09 -0700 (MST)
Message-Id: <200002061804.LAA00210@cpmt2.cyberport.net>
X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Version 1.4.4
X-Sender: rckj@mail.cyberport.net (Unverified)
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
To: Wfitch5413@aol.com
From: rckj@cyberport.net (cpmt2.cyberport.net)
Subject: Catching up

Subj: **Re: Buttermilk Falls**
Date: 02/07/2000 10:44:39 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
WFitch5413

Hi Betty,

Have the same plot maps as you from WCHS; nothing for more recent days but should be accessible. Will ask at WCHS. Also have a map somewhere from 10 years ago of the area around Scranton; don't know if Falls area is shown but will put it on my list for things to look for. The list grows...

Before I forget, a distant cousin who died in '96, a month shy of her 99th birthday, passed on to me the 1875 Falls Twp. Register of Voters. I photocopied it and sent the copy to WCHS in the event it could help someone. If someone was wondering if a man

(no women voted in 1875) lived in Falls in 1875, if tracking migration or something, this could help. Anyway, looked up the Fitches listed and they are:

- Frank, Harvey, Spenser, Nathaniel, Giles, Asher and Giles Jr. -

These would only be the men 'of age' but assume nearly all men voted in that day if possible, so should be accurate. The book is missing the 'A' and 'B' listings and part of the 'C' but has all the rest. Don't know if this is helpful to you but if so...

Have never seen parents for Mary Sherwood Townsend, wife of Freeman. Did find a property transaction from 1837 between Phineas Sherwood and Peter and Polly Townsend, (grantors); Peter, believed son of Levi and Rebecca.

Will look for info. I have regarding Townsend burials in Roberts. I don't know which ones I actually saw when I was in Falls (it's been too many years) and which I've seen referenced. Last winter a cousin sent photos of Townsend stones (info. of which I sent previous to you) but just marked as "cemetery in Falls" but from research I knew to be Fitch/Roberts burials. Have added this to the list...

Have seen the name 'Chauncy Sherwood' on records; is he familiar to you? Will be in touch-

-Chris.

Subj: **stuff**
Date: 02/09/2000 11:40:10 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
Re: WFitch5413

Betty-

Your letters are such fun and so informative! I agree totally with you about the big picture helping to fill in the little one. Guess that's why I wrote you in the beginning. I felt that two prominent families in a small area must have interacted and in contacting you might glean something. Don't mind helping others with what little I know either.

I'm going to follow up on the Lest We Forget Sherwood lead. Thanks. Expecting the Feb. newsletter from them any day now and am anxious. Sent a lot of queries to them to publish.

You've probably done this but did you ever ask Paula at WCHS if there is either a Fitch or Roberts record listing? Paula tells me they get new records all the time so may have come up with something since you last checked. Are you 'stuck' on one of Warren's ancestors or just looking to fill in the Fitch tree a little more fully? Will keep you in mind as I access records. By the way do you descend from the Wyoming Valley pioneers or just Warren? If just he then you really get kudos for being this aggressive for his line; I can't get some of my family interested in information about their own direct ancestors, let alone their spouse's!

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

Best to answer a couple of your questions. I have thought much about finding the records of the two cemeteries and their inscriptions. But have not been aggressive about it. I remember reading in some information from somewhere that the Historical Society in Wilkes Barre had a listing for the Roberts Cemetery, but I just never have written. It is on my list of things to do. We were there in 1996, when we visited the cemeteries, but the Historical Society there was closed for the day so we just went to the library and the lady in charge there didn't seem to know much about the genealogy department, so we just searched through ourselves and didn't find much there and the copy machine was broken so no way to bring out much. We had about an hour before the place closed for the day and the next day we thought it best to just head on up to Falls because it was the cemetery we were really looking for. So I never got back to the Historical Society as we needed to head on up to New England the next day. But the information I had at the time was that it was the Historical Society in Wilkes Barre that had the inscription list and at that time I did not even know there was a historical society at Tunkhannock. That was discovered later on after we got home. Now that it is on my mind, I will write and see if the Wilkes Barre one does have such a list.

My interest the family name is probably because of my love for history. I doubt that you can be much of a genealogist if you don't love history. I see that in my family. The kids who love history and old things are also much more interested in the family name and where they came from.

About 30 years ago when our son, John, was just a teenager, we received a copy of a report on the Fitch family that someone had done for another family member, who wanted the information so she could get her daughters and herself in the DAR. So I paid big bucks for someone to research the title "Looking for the father of Nathaniel Fitch I of Pennsylvania". The family history had stated that this part of the family came from the Rev. James Fitch family, brother to Thomas who was from Norwalk. We rather took it for granted that it was so and it was even printed up in a book that our family reunion group had printed up. Then the lady who had the report done gave me a copy of it. About 30 pages on the search for John Fitch and the fellow (or lady) who did the research had grave doubts about the Rev. James Fitch story and said so in the report. At the end of the report it was stated that they believed that Thomas Fitch of Norwalk was the "father" of the family, but could not find the exact proof. It took on the form of a mystery to me, something to put down all the facts and solve the problem. I pondered on it for a long time using all the facts that were given and then the demands of family life and a full-time job took over and I had to put it aside until the last few years. Guess we have been working on it for the last 10 years, but also have been working on all the other families in both our ancestor lines. Some of them are a lot easier to solve than others and have found a few that have already worked out a lot of the lines and e-mail and the computer has helped also.

All that to say that it is a love of mine just to research all these families. We do have (or have had) a hole in the Fitch line. It is, who is the John Fitch who moved to PA and is the father of Nathaniel? We know now that it is not the line that was published in our Indiana family history and that it was most likely from Thomas Fitch of Norwalk. We have his descendants down from him for about 5 generations and then we have the PA John Fitch down to us, but there is some question as there were a possible 2 John Fitches from that line. We have worked and worked on it and believe we have it now, but are still looking for a few more facts to cement in the proper John Fitch. That is why we still keep digging in the Falls area. We do not have a grave for John Fitch or his wife of PA. If they were buried there it must have been in an isolated grave somewhere. Family legend says John went back to CT and died there. It is only the son Nathaniel who is buried in Falls. His father who we know was the original Fitch settler in PA is missing so we look for any reference to an early John Fitch in the Falls area. Have found some, but no where does it say just where he came from so have studied a lot of the Norwalk records also. With Norwalk marriages, and wills, and property sales, deeds, etc., we think we have it pinned down. But we still keep looking for one more clue that connects the two John Fitches as one. So we keep looking and will until we have found everything about John Fitch that is out there. Our line of search is from

Thomas Fitch, settler of Norwalk, CT
his son, John Fitch and Rebecca Lindall
his son, Nathaniel and Elizabeth
his son, John and Elizabeth Beers
his son, John and poss. Elizabeth Lockwood (who we believe came to PA)

We have accumulated all the Norwalk facts available for this family and still cannot be certain as a possible 3 John Fitches lived in that area at that time. We can eliminate one for sure, and there may have been only one other. We have quite a bit of information on him when he lived in Norwalk, and the other possibility is only listed as a child. Are they one and the same? Or were there two and no information found on one of them. All the information we have found so far belongs to the one we

think came to PA. Some would think that enough information to settle it, but after the family making one mistake and printing the wrong genealogy, we want to be sure that we have the right one now. A lot to say we do have a hole.....one John Fitch so we cannot pin down for sure. So continue to look for clues to make it more certain.

In the meantime, I also work on all the other family names, and some day someone will find that all elusive clue that we are looking for and we can say "that's it". We can almost say it now as we have a will of Elizabeth Beers who gives the names of her grandchildren as John Fitch, Jr., Gideon Fitch, and Susannah Fitch. Right place for Gideon, right date for Gideon. A Gideon of that date came to PA and his father's name was John Fitch. Gideon who came to PA had a brother named Nathaniel who would have been born after the date of Grandma Elizabeth Beers will so his name could not have been in the will. Written before his birth. Good circumstantial evidence that we have it right, but we continue to look for more.

No I do not descend from anyone in Wyoming Valley, but it was the Fitch name that got me interested in genealogy. Warren's Fitch family settled right here within 6 miles of where we live back in 1832, first blacksmith, first marriage in this township. And so they have lived right here for 5 generations. My father's family the Browns, came to another part of the county in 1850 and was the 2nd person to own the land they settled on and with him came 4 other families who are in my genealogy and can be easily traced back to PA, VA and MD with brief stops in Ohio. My mother's family came from Southern Indiana and were original settlers in their county there. Seems all the families can be easily traced back to where they came to America and almost all were original settlers in the wilderness. Then lived in the same spots for several generations so when you find one and their neighbors, you can find them all. Easy to research that way.

Not sure why I wrote all that, but that may explain my interest in genealogy and looking at the whole picture. And I am "wordy". Even thought of writing novels about the different Fitch families. Just a dream I suppose. So much to do and so little time!

Betty

Hi Chris,

E-mailed Paula at WCHS about a list of Roberts Cemetery and she says that they do not have lists and are working on redoing all of them that they have on film. She said they are finding some mistakes in the ones they have. I just thought there might be a chance there.

Also sent a letter to Wilkes-Barre to the Historical Society there asking for a list if they have one. So will have to wait on that as it may be a while. Sent a small check too to cover postage so I am sure I will hear from them one way or another.

John Sickler and Sarah Fitch.....John Sickler is buried in Overland Twp., Wyoming County, PA. He died November 9, 1863. That place comes from Ann Hassold. His wife, Sarah Fitch, died January 8, 1890. She died at Harmony, Jerauld, South Dakota. She was at the home of her son Jefferson Sickler. I believe they sent her body back to PA so she is probably buried with her husband.

Jefferson Sickler came to Indiana and married a local girl, Mary Hand, from Eel River Twp., Allen Co., IN and they eventually moved to South Dakota. So guess mother went to either live with him or was visiting. Not sure. We have a photo of Jefferson Sickler as he was photographed with the sons of Nathaniel Fitch here in Indiana. My guess is that he came to stay with Nathaniel. He would have been a cousin to Nathaniel's children. He married here and then later moved on west.

Elizabeth Sickler and Spencer Fitch have tombstones in the Fitch section of the Robert's Cemetery. They were originally in the Fitch Cemetery. Their daughter Lydia was buried there also. Lydia was engaged to marry Joseph Roberts and she became pregnant and he went off to war. They were never married so when the baby came he was given the name of Joseph H. Fitch. Lydia died shortly after he was born. She did not die of childbirth, but of another disease. Her death was listed in the local papers. Joseph was probably raised by his grandparents, Spencer and Elizabeth, retained the Fitch name, and married Chrissy Sives. Their local descendant is Vera Fitch Davis of which I have spoken before. Don't know what happened to the father, Joseph Roberts, but have a death date of 1923 for him so he wasn't killed in the war. Perhaps he was not even aware that he was a father. Interesting to speculate on just what happened. Or he just couldn't take care of a baby or didn't want him.

Hilary Sickler and Mahalia Dunbar Sickler moved to Atchison County, Missouri, and in the 1870 census of Lake Township Hilary is found with Octavia Sickler, orphan daughter of Fuller Sickler and (another) Sarah Fitch. Fuller and Sarah died in a buggy accident in Missouri and left their children scattered. 2 of the children died with Fuller and Sarah in the accident.

Ann Hassold says that Hannah (and probably Philo) is buried in the Roberts Cemetery. But that she died in 1910 in Jermyn, Lackawanna, PA.

Enough for now. If I find more, will send it along.

Betty

(

(

(

Subj: LCHS, etc...
Date: 02/12/2000 9:08:12 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Just a few thoughts. Had great help in person as well as via free mail assistance from Lucerne Cty. Hist. Soc., some years back. Hope they can send you a Roberts listing and if they do would be interested in it if it's thorough and has more than what I'm sending you. Adding these names/dates from what I've been told are Roberts' burials, in addition to the ones I already sent you (more data avail. if you need -some of this may be repeat):

Jacob Jr./Abigail Fitch Sickler, George /Sarah Couly Sickler, Abigail Townsend (unknown if wife or maiden, d. 1900), Forest Townsend d. 1898, 6yrs., and the Peter Townsend/Eliz. Ball clan which was originally Fitch. Have all the names of them if you want. The source that told me about Abigail & Forest called the cemetery "Sickler" so apparently there were three separate plots that were merged into Roberts or ? Don't know when "Sickler" became "Roberts" but from the dates above not in the early 1900's. Confused? Would like to unravel this mystery.

Prob MO

And while we're at it, are John/Sarah Fitch Sickler, Eliz./Spencer Fitch, Hillary/Mahalia Dunbar Sickler and Hannah/Philo Sherwood in Roberts with their siblings, would you know? I have no burial places for them.

Well must get to bed, I'm working midnights this week so do this E-stuff after work at 8 AM! Snooze...

-Chris.

*buried Overland Twp, Upm Co
John Sickler 11-9-1863 Northumberland Wym Co PA
Sarah 1-8-1890 Harmony, Jerard SD
at home of Jeff Sickler, son.*

*Spencer & Eliz. in Fitch, moved to Roberts
16-4-1895 11-26-1893*

*Hilary - Lake Twp. (Octavia with them 1870)
Atchison MO*

(

(

(

Hi Chris,

I just received a letter from Vera Davis from Tunkhannock. She sent me copies of a couple pages she found in her desk. One was a list of folks buried in Fitch Cemetery, handwritten. The other a hand-made drawing of how the stones were positioned in the cemetery. Not sure when it was done, but I would say that whoever did it was a member of the Fitch family as they gave several birth dates that they could not have gotten from the tombstones. The one thing of interest was that they had listed a Hill Sickler. No dates for sure, but they said that Hill Sickler was the last person to be buried in the cemetery. He had been killed on the railroad 1925 or 1926. That is all, but didn't know if you had that or not.

This person said that there were 27 people buried there, but I found a couple more on another list. However, no Townsends listed. I did write to Vera and ask if she knew who wrote the list, but she has not had time to reply as yet.

That's it. Enjoy this weather. Hope spring is on the way!!

Betty

Hello Chris,

Yes, I do have Ann's address. It is hhassold@home.com
What is as long as it has not been changed. I have sent her 3 e-mails in the past week. So far have not heard back from her, which is not too unusual as she is often gone for a few weeks at a time. I did inform her of "Hill Sickler" info.

This is probably the son, or the son of another Sickler in the area. Unusual name, but I notice they pass some of these names out many times and there could be a cousin "Hill" also I suppose. Perhaps Ann will have the answer, but so far in what she has sent me about the Sickler family, I have not found it.

Yes, I do have the pages from Shoemaker's book on the Keelers, Fitches, etc. Also some of the other neighbors. I also noted about the Fitch Cemetery at Lockville. It has always been a puzzle to me also. I have a 35 page research paper done on "who is the father of Nathaniel Fitch" by an unknown researcher and done in the 1940's. It came through our Indiana Fitch family. Someone may have paid for the research. I just have a copy of it, and one of the items in the paper are the Fitch folks buried in the Robert's Cemetery. One of them is Gideon Fitch (who Shoemaker says the Fitch Cemetery, Lockville was named for) and the dates are there. So I wonder if it is possible that this name was changed over time to Robert's Cemetery. Unable to find any Lockville on the map. Gideon moved and was no longer in Falls Township in the Census reports, but Shoemaker says he is buried there with his wife Hannah. This was one tombstone that I did not find in the Robert's Cemetery. It doesn't mean it wasn't there, but I just missed it in the short time we were there. I concentrated mostly on the Fitch part outside the fence. Should you happen to run across Gideon's gravestone if you do go to Robert's Cemetery, snap a picture of it for me will you?? It is still possible that we might get there this fall, but so much is happening around here I am not sure.

Thanks for the offer of the Shoemaker pages, but I do have them. The other name of Gay also connects with the Keeler family as Milo Keeler married Mary E. Gay, but that is the only connection I have found with Gay. If you would find the Gays in the Roberts Cemetery, then that might indicate that it was indeed changed to Roberts at a later time.

Why don't you give me the page numbers of the Shoemaker pages you are talking about. I have copied several families in which I found the Fitch name and some genealogy, like page # 833 that tells about Gideon and then I have one that follows the DeWitt family that tells about Nathaniel and his children. And some on the Jenkins family that tells about Nancy. Guess for some reason the page # for that is missing. I fully intend to go back to the library and find a few more families in his book that I want to copy, and the Sickler and Townsend family would be 2 of them, so I could copy off any other pages that you have found that might have Fitch info on them. With the page numbers I can find them. They will bring me both volumes when they bring them to me.

Interesting that I have a part of a page 465 titled Isaac at the top, and at the bottom, nearly cut off it says Calvin Daily, married to Minerva, daughter of Levi and Rebecca Townsend and then it is cut off at an angle, but I can still see that there is something about David Delevan there too. I should check that page again. I may have put it in the copier crooked and cut off the rest of the information. That book has a wealth of information, but it is so hard to find as the best "stuff" is usually in the footnotes!!

No I have not heard from the Historical Society in Wilkes-barre. I sent a small check and a SASE so am pretty sure they will answer in due time. Will let you know if I hear anything from them at all.

Enough for today.

Betty

Subj: **Re: Hill Sickler**
Date: 03/07/2000 11:54:20 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Glad Vera is bouncing back from her loss. Takes time, but glad she's responding already.

You probably know my Jacob and Hannah Sickler had a son Hillary who had a son Hillary. Hillary Sr. was said to be known as 'Hill' but guess the son could have been also. Don't have any other info. about this family than what I sent you, from Ann Hassold. As Hill Sr. was born 1820 the death in 1925 would makes him 100+ old. Not impossible, but... By the way do you know if Ann Hassold has an E-address? I've only ever snail mailed her.

Thanks for the Vera news. I'm trying to talk my brother into going with me to Falls before the underbrush grows (and the gas prices rise much more!) I want to scour the Townsend plot and try to find the 'missing' stones said to be there some years ago. Would also like to find Fitch/Roberts if we have the time. No definite plans as yet.

Curious if you got a response from Lucerne Cty. Hist. Soc.?

By the way tonight I was reviewing the Sickler folder and found a page from the Michael Shoemaker book which references a "Fitch Cemetery- Lockville" as opposed to other references to "Fitch Cemetery". Are you familiar with a second Fitch cemetery? Never heard of Lockville. The page mentions four-five folks buried in one or the other cemetery, all descendants of the Gay family and their spouses. Also found the Shoemaker page on the Fitch's which I trust you have/seen. Unlocks the whole Fitch roots which I've had in the file for years, I think from Ann, but never scoured. Until you who have changed how I think about the Fitch's, forever! If you haven't seen either page I'll scan and send; just give the word.

Take care- Chris.

Wyoming Historical and Geological Society

49 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Founded 1858

(570) 823-6244

March 11, 2000

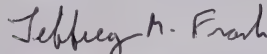
Betty Fitch
14615 Auburn Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Dear Betty,

Hello and thank you for your letter dated Feb. 11, 2000 concerning the Roberts Cemetary in Falls Township. I am not sure when you were informed that we have that cemetary's records, but upon looking in all the appropriate places where we may have had those records, it appears we do not have them. At this time, I am returning the check you provided to cover photocopy costs. However, I have also included for your convenience a listing of local area researchers who would be delighted to take on your request. As far as to what each researcher charges, it varies from individual to individual; you should consult each to how much they require for searching. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have email, as, bafflingly, we are still not online here even though we have a website.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me here. Best of luck in your research.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey M. Frank
Acting Librarian

Wyoming Historical and Geological Society

Founded 1858

49 South Franklin Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

(717) 823-6244

RESEARCHERS

Ann Kosicki
131 Eno St.
Plymouth, PA 18651
570-779-4059

Bob Booth
1537 Kingsbury Rd.
Scranton, PA 18509-2349

NE PA Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1776
Shavertown, PA 18708
~~http://www.rootsweb.com/~panepage/nepa.html~~
~~on members.col.com/freetracer/nepajs/nepajs.htm~~

Genealogical Research Society of NE PA
P.O. Box 1
Olyphant, PA 18447
570-383-7661
genealogy@usnetway.com

Tom Mooney
The Times Leader
15 North Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
570-831-7328



Specializing in:
NE Penna. & New York City
England & Scotland
Reading Old Handwriting

Norman Douglas Nicol, Ph.D.

Professional Genealogist - Family Historian
P.O. Box 1855
Shavertown PA 18708-0855

Assoc. of Prof. Genealogists
National Genealogical Soc.
Soc. of Genealogists, London
Scottish Genealogy Soc., Edinburgh

Phone:
(570) 639-1339
Email:
ndnicol@epix.net

Hi Chris,

Just another quick note. I have e-mailed Ann and received answers yesterday. I had written about a Keeler ancestor and then mentioned Lockville and the cemetery.

She answered by saying that she had been at the Fitch Cemetery at Lockville, named for Gideon Fitch in 1987. Someone else had taken them there and so she was not sure just how to find it, except to say that it is the west side of the river or in our case probably the south side (since the river has a big dip there) and not on the north side where you find the Roberts/Fitch cemetery. Might have been on Gideon Fitch's land. She thought the WCHS could probably give directions to it. Will put that on my list to visit too. She had seen Gideon Fitch's gravestone there with his wife so it is a separate cemetery from the Fitch one as we know it. After you find the Townsend Cemetery, tell me about where it is located. We might want to go have a look at it too. That's it for now.

Betty

Hi Chris,

Finally did receive a letter from the Historical Society in Wilkes-barre. Jeffrey Frank, who is the acting librarian, said that he did not know where I got information that they had a copy of the Robert's Cemetery inscriptions, but after looking in all the appropriate places they could not find any such list. He sent me a list of researchers, but I will not go that route at least until we decide on if we might make the trip ourselves in the fall. I guess I got the idea when this unknown researcher (unknown to us anyway) put a list of the Fitches in his research report that were buried at Roberts. (His list was in alphabetical order and just assumed that he copied it from a list and took out only the Fitch names) (He also did mention the Morehouse stones)

It could have been as long ago as 1946 that he wrote that report, so it is possible that they had it at one time and it got lost between then and now. I know there had been some bad floods at one time on the Susquehanna and I heard that some of the records of some Wilkes-barre places were lost in the flood. Don't know if that included any at the Historical Society or not. But anyway he says they are not there now. Seems the floods were in the 70's or 80's but that is just what I have in my memory. Anyway, no luck there.

If we go this fall, I will go armed with my camera and plenty of pads and pencils to do the work myself. Can always take a picnic lunch!!

Thanks for the Shoemaker pages. Also another project..... to see where "Lockville" might have been. Since this "unknown researcher" put Gideon in the Robert's Cemetery, suppose that is a possibility. Perhaps one of us can find a clue somewhere.

Have a good weekend.

Betty

Subj: **Re: Attachments**
Date: 03/08/2000 11:21:44 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Betty-

I'll copy the sheets and send them soon. Don't think I have an option of how to send attachments with CompuServe, but I'm a computer novice so not sure. I've had a lot of trouble with mime myself. Usually if a file goes to someone via CompuServe they send instructions on how to download but the instructions are clear as mud to me.

But mailing will get them there, just thought I could beat the USPO!

-Chris.

Subj: **Re:what would I do without you!**
Date: 03/08/2000 8:34:39 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

This is such fun! Thanks for Ann's address. Will look for Gideon when, if I go. Still waiting on brother.

The Minerva Dailey reference caught me as I've been in touch with a descendent that traces Minerva's husband to a Luther as does Shoemaker page 544. Not the first conflict I've seen in Shoemaker. One Christmas holiday rented the book and went page by page through it, making notes and coping a few pages. Of course now many more names would make sense and clues for me as I've researched a lot more. Don't know that I even knew about my Sickler roots back then.

I'm sending these Shoemaker pages as attachments; let me know if you receive them and they are readable: p.544 Townsend, bottom L/R (some cut off on R); p. 466 Fitch/Sickler, bottom; p 90-91, Gay with Sickler reference. I also have a few assundry other p. if you're interested, like the Jones Family and the Kirkendalls, both my lines as well. Also noted the David Delevan reference in my notes then. Would love to make headway with the Delevans. Did some NY research and the Delevans are thick in Dutchess Cty. with the Townsend/Sicklers, just which family is the mystery. Anyway, here's the stuff and hope it's at least interesting...

-Chris.

Subj: Re: Lockville, Roberts' records, etc.
Date: 03/21/2000 12:34:23 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hey Betty-

Sorry LCHS couldn't come up with records. This makes the quest that much more of an obsession, I guess, trying against the odds to find what we 'know' has to be found somewhere! Will keep my eyes peeled for anything in that regard. Maybe WCHS, when they get their records redone, will find something.

Glad you found Gideon, and Ann comes through again. What a gal! Regarding the Townsend plot, I was already there sometime early '86 or '87 so could probably slug my way through giving you directions. A cousin who died a month shy of 99 yrs. in '96 and was g.g. granddaughter of Levi Townsend lived in Scranton so we bunked there. Made it a little easier. Still up in the air whether I'm going this spring; my brother hasn't yet responded but my son wants to go. We'll see.

OK, to the Townsend plot, you want to get to the property of Wyoming Sand & Gravel (or at least that's what it was late '80's). When you're in that Falls area you may be near 307 N which you want to take to 92 S. 92 S. goes over a large green bridge but don't go over the bridge, bear left and go down a hill until Hopkins greenhouse appears on left. This is believed to be my Consider's home which is known to be built pre-Civil War and seems to be the right location. Wyoming Sand and Gravel is on the right. Now here's the fun part: to locate the remaining headstones look to the sky for the tallest evergreen on the WSG property. There is only one really tall one among hardwoods. The few stones are in the area beneath the area shadowed by the evergreen.

Now realize this was late '80's; the Hopkins' may have moved on, WSG may be gone or renamed, the evergreen could have been felled by now. If I get there before you do I'll update directions, this is only in case I don't make it. There's really not much to see but I want to go and rake around and see if any other stones are covered with brush. The Hopkins' said there were more stones there some years back so I've always wondered where they went. Even in the '70's a guy did research there and photographed Consider's stone (but has yet to send me a copy; has promised me for years!) but when I got there no Consider stone; quite a disappointment.

I've rambled quite enough and at the risk of using up more of your E-storage I'll sign off.
Thanks for telling me about Lockville. Would like to look there too.

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the directions. Printed them off so I can have them when and if we go. If you should go and find anything exciting keep me in mind. We are also still in the planning/maybe stages.

Probably never told you, but in reference to little overgrown cemeteries, we have a good prize here. My great great grandfathers BROWN and SHAFFER and RABBIT are buried on my great great grandfather Brown's farm. In 1972 our 2 sons and I went to visit it and it was all grown over. We worked a couple different days in digging the stones out of the dirt and leaning them up against the bases. Someone said that the cows had gotten in and knocked a lot of them down. At that time we wrote all the names and dates that we could find, but could not find my gg grandfather and gg grandmother's stones. Got busy with life, and never got back until about 20 years later. In the meantime we found an inscription list in the library that someone had done which included Henry and Mary Brown, my gggs. So we knew it had been there at one time or another. (The only thing that I salvaged from the cemetery were some purple iris that were blooming and so I brought home some of the bulbs. Planted them and they grew into a huge iris garden.

Then a couple years ago a young man, who is also a descendant of the Browns discovered the cemetery and he wrote about how it was in such a deplorable condition and after he did a local boy scout troupe decided to make that their project. So they went out and did a lot of cleaning and repairing and in doing so they found Henry and Mary's gravestone that had been buried in the ground. Cleaned it up and set it back. There has been no road to this cemetery partly because there is a huge ditch along the road and the only way to get to it is to climb down in the ditch and go up the other side, through the field and woods and there it is, well hidden. So their next project is going to be to build a wooden bridge over the ditch. It may only be for people and not cars, but at least it will be better. Would be nice if more boy scouts or some organizations would get involved in salvaging some of these old cemeteries. Not all of them need to turn into gravel pits!!!

Well, just wanted to say "thanks" and hope if you do get a chance to go, it will be productive for you as well as enjoyable.

Patty

Subj: DeLong
Date: 03/29/2000 11:10:11 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Betty-

Just a quickie. I was doing some of my endless Townsend research this AM and came across a Townsend/DeLong marriage, of all things! The DeLong name somehow said 'check Betty's old E-mail' so I did.

So here is an Eber Townsend, one that I'm trying to connect to my Levi, having a son Ira L. who married a Katherine DeLong and they lived in Stockton, IL. Ira had a sister who lived in Stockton also who married a L. Harris. Two other brothers have wives with IN connections but this Ira was the only DeLong one.

I guess we are everywhere and probably means nothing but thought it ironic that I'm connecting with a Fitch wife whose husband has a DeLong connection and the Fitch's and Townsends all lived so closely for a time in PA.

No response necessary- catch you next time-

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the information. No I did not have the maiden name of Clarissa who was Gideon Fitch's last wife. I had the will which said that he left Clarissa and 9 children and that Clarissa had since married Jacob Brown, but had never found a maiden name for her.

Also very interesting note about the dinner bell. I put that on Morgan Fitch's "note page". Noted that he would have been about 52 at the time of Consider's death. Wonder if that dinner bell is still in existence somewhere??? Would be fun to track it down. If we just had the time!! Yes, you are right. About the only time we can get all of our family together is at Christmas or if we go to a restaurant to eat. The family dinner is almost a thing of the past. Too many activities for everyone to go to.

I hope you can make a definite connection with Maria. It probably is so, but we have our John Fitch hanging in the same position. Almost have him tied in with the Thomas Fitch family of Norwalk, but just lack a little drop of evidence to be able to say. YES11

Hope when you get there you have a good trip to Falls. Spring should be bringing us some really good weather one of these days. We have had some beautiful weekends here in Indiana, but do lack in rain. They say we are in a severe drought condition and if we do not get rain will have a bad summer. Last summer and fall was very dry and we had a slim amount of snow during the winter, so are short about 6 inches of water. So though our good weekends are nice, we are sacrificing good growing conditions for the coming summer. Have a good week.

Betty

Subj: Re:Odds & Ends
Date: 03/28/2000 7:38:41 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

I was hoping to sneak up to Falls tomorrow if the weather was permitting but looks like it will not be. Looks like I'll go solo; my brother's too busy. My oldest son graduates in June and is wanting to go and get out of school for a day or two but I overruled. He wanted to go when I went to Phila. Fall of '98 (3 times/obsessed!) to search my dad's family but couldn't go. I came back so pumped up with info. they're all curious by now and want to help. But looks like I'll have to postpone Falls another couple of weeks, at least.

Anyway, I came across these two bits you probably know about when I was searching old notes for locations and directions to places in Falls:

-p. 608 of Shoemaker says a Clarissy Bennett was last wife of Gideon Fitch 1771-2/17/1843. He was her first husband and she later married Jacob W. Brown.

Then a couple of days ago I got the inventory of Consider Townsend's estate. He didn't have a will and I knew there was an inventory for years but didn't think it necessary to search then. So I ordered it just to 'see what I could see'. Lo and behold Morgan Fitch was the purchaser of the Townsend dinner bell for the whopping price of \$1.09. Just thought this was interesting, and of course conjures up all sorts of images when you think of the very bell that called the large Townsend family out of the hills and fields to dinner doing the same for the Fitch family. And these days difficult to get families to eat in common, even at the traditional Sunday dinner.

I'm closing in on the last of Consider's 12 children, finally after all these years. Found child 10 last fall, child 11 last month and have been steadily working through 10 & 11 for #12, and yesterday, finally, got a date of death for her husband and oldest son. Nothing for her yet but she's getting closer. No one's done this group start/finish yet so I'm excited to get this far. Hoped it would prove mother Maria as Jacob Sickler's which it hasn't yet but 'everybody' admits she's at least a Sickler.

I'll close before you fall asleep. The Cider House Rules et al. nothing on our own little dramas!

-Chris.

Subj: Attached Genealogy file
Date: 03/28/2000 4:48:07 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: JohnAFitch
To: WFfitch5413

Mom,
I can open this OK in Word, but my printer dies trying to print it. It appears to be something that has been scanned in as 3-1-
page pictures, rather than saved as text. I printed it to Adobe Acrobat (PDF) and was able to print it OK. I have a paper copy.
The PDF file is attached. I think you have Acrobat, so try to open it and print it from that application.

John

Subj: Lockville, et al
Date: 05/01/2000 9:44:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Call me obsessed but I went up to Falls again today, this time alone, and with film in the camera! Retraced my steps of last week, got pictures again (or should I say for sure this time!) The pictures will be absent my boys, is all, but oh, well...

Made it to Fitch/Lockville! Found a Gideon Fitch stone, and a wife of a Gideon, not in the same place. Got pictures of both but Gideon's isn't as clear, with some mildew or something on it. The chair of the Fitch Cem. Assoc. was there, low and behold; got his name if you want to contact him. Unfortunately Gideon is in the old section and they have no records of the ancient, original burials, only the newer. The newer part was added from the original Fitch property.

I wrote down all the Fitches' I could find and took some pictures. Got a picture of an old farmhouse at the corner of "Fitches' Corners Road" that the guy told me used to be a Fitch farmhouse. A Sickler now owns it! Will get the pictures to you when I get them back, and the Fitch names for your perusal. Weary now from my day on the road-

-Chris.

To: "Betty L. Fitch (E-mail)" <wlfitch5413@aol.com>

Subject: I can't believe it

Date: Mon, 1 May 2000 14:18:09 -0500

Message-ID: <000001bfb3a333eb2a740\$40119cd1@indy.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: multipart/mixed;

boundary="=_NextPart_000_0001_01BFB379.55DC9FF40"

X-Priority: 3 (Normal)

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook 8.5, Build 4.71.2173.0

Importance: Normal

X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V5.00.2314.1300

Subj: Falls trip
Date: 04/25/2000 7:00:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Well, I kidnapped my two sons who had off from school yesterday and headed to Falls. The day was bright, warm, beautiful. Had a great, undivided time with my sons, rare these days. Can you hear another shoe waiting to be dropped?

We went first to Roberts'/Fitch, kind of accidentally because I couldn't remember which direction the Townsend plot was. So we found Roberts'. There is now a chain link fence around it, unlike when I was there years before. The Fitch group is outside the fence, sort of unprotected, with a memorial stating it was the John Fitch Cem. moved in 1975 by the East Falls Sand & Gravel Co. Don't remember the stone being there before when I was there, at least 10 years after they said they moved the cem. Think I would have remembered it. Didn't see anything to mark Roberts as 'Roberts', but knew from the persons that it was so, and from the Fitch group. Well.

Fitch is tiny, tiny, I'd bet 20 or so stones, few 'outsider' stones. One was a Mary Fitch Siglin 1825-1905. Some unreadable. Someone died 7-11-1818, couldn't read. Wrote almost everyone down, I think but may have forgotten the married intos in my haste. It was already getting late and we had five other cem.s and three houses of my Townsend ancestors I wanted to show the boys. Took pictures (so I thought).

Then went to Townsend plot. A real wreck, worse than it was when I was there before. Two stones I could read before were now indecipherable, and there are only four recognizable stones total. Numerous pieces, mountings w/o headstones, and little stones that may have been markers long ago. But the amazing thing is, there was Consider's stone! Broken but readable. It wasn't there when I was there before! And about a year after I was there a 'local' was there and made rubbings of all the stones and Consider's wasn't included, so it wasn't just that I had missed it. A real mystery how it has appeared.

But anyway a real disappointment when I talked to the man who lives in Consider's house. He told me years ago there were many more stones, and that was obvious. He said he had a theory that a neighbor who'd lived nearby stole some stones and took them to a business he later ran, called Tombstone Inn. The man is deceased, but widow still is living and I guess owns the business. He said he'd called the police to report the theft but police wouldn't do anything, said it wasn't a crime in PA. He said he'd never gone to the inn but suspected they were there.

Now it gets interesting. We left for another cemetery we couldn't find despite driving all over the place, asking directions, etc. Stopped a guy riding a mower to ask for directions (a bum steer), who lo and behold was wearing a tee shirt from, can you guess it, the Tombstone Inn!! Now mind you the inn isn't nearby, it's out of the area altogether, yet here was this guy in the teeshirt. I asked if he'd been there and did they have gravestone 'decorations'. He said there was a cemetery behind the inn. So now I've got some investigating to do, whether it's called Tombstone because the cemetery was already there, or whether it's a dummy cemetery for esthetics. Stay tuned.

We hit a couple more cems., none new to me, I'd seen them all before. My sons swear they never want to see another cemetery, but I'm working on them. Fitch/Lockville was on my list but we ran out of time with the fruitless looking for the one cemetery we never found.

Now here's the tough part. I'd taken a tape recorder to speed things up; couldn't get it to work so it was useless. Was finishing up the roll of film this morning at home to send away and it wouldn't rewind right. Discovered there was no film in the camera when I took all those great pictures!! Talk about frustrating! Twelve years to get back there and no pictures-

Suppose I have to go back now anyway with the Tombstone Inn plot developing. I just can't believe this worked out this way-

Anyway a couple other things; was there a 'Skyler' Fitch who had a wife Eliz.? Saw a stone at Fitch that looked like that.

And do you have the Fairview Cem. Fitch entries? I copied a couple of them down that I saw if you don't have them.

Subject: Re: Still livin'

Message-ID: <20000425.104036.-143947.1.KKFitch@juno.com>

X-Mailer: Juno 4.0.5

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=-- __JNP_000_3fed.5f41.3956

X-Juno-Line-Breaks: 0-8,12-13,19-20,29-30,44-45,47-48,51-52,56-57,60-61,74-75,77,86-87,94-96,98-102,112-113,119,123-124,138-139,147-148,151-155,155-32767

X-Juno-Att: 1

X-Juno-RefParts: 0

From: "K. K Fitch" <kkfitch@juno.com>

I may go back, will have to sit with this for a while and decide priorities. Will let you know when/if- Hope you're all enjoying spring in IN (too many in/inns in this E-mail!)

pnris.

Hi Chris,

Thanks for your list of voters with the Fitch name. I recognize all of them, except for just who Harvey belongs to. Possibly, Morgan was his father. The Nathaniel was Spencer's son as was Frank. Asher and Giles, Jr. belong to Giles, Sr. All would be from Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Keeler's family, sons and grandsons. By that time, Nathaniel Sr. was dead as he died in 1839.

I have some of the Sherwood family but hard to track the girls like Mary, when men's names were usually the only ones used on transactions, etc. But since Mathew Sherwood and all his children and their children came to Falls to settle, no doubt she is one of those.

Phineas Sherwood was a son of the original Mathew, as was Mathew Jr., and Zuriel.

I have the history of Falls Township out of a big Wyoming County History book that tells quite a bit of what went on in Falls at that time. Also do have the "Narrative of Zuriel Sherwood" as it was written in the "Lest We Forget" publication of WCHS. It is very interesting.

He mentions Chauncey Sherwood, Esq. as does the township history. Apparently he was the one who founded Mill City and was a prominent person in the area. And a writer, as Zuriel says that he came to help him finish his narrative when he got old.

Not sure at this point if he is a son of the original Mathew or if he was a grandson, the child of one of the boys, but assume he would have to be one or the other. Guess I will have to read that narrative over again as I am sure I did not retain all that it said.

Phineas Sherwood was the son of the original Mathew and married Urania Keeler, daughter of Paul Keeler and Zuriel married Lucy Keeler, daughter of Paul. And of course, Benjamin Townsend, son of Levi, married Clarissa Keeler, daughter of Paul. And Nathaniel Fitch married Sarah Keeler, daughter of Paul. Not that that has anything to do with Peter Townsend, but they were all living in the same area and probably had adjoining property, as the Osterhouts were just north of the Fitch and Sherwood farms. You can learn a lot more when you can look at the whole picture!

One other thing I noted about the Delevan name was that David M. Delevan came to live with the Morehouse family about 1792. So he might have been some relation. Then noted that Rebecca Jone's mother was a Delevan. So could be some connection between the two families.

If you don't have the "Narrative of Zuriel Sherwood" you should get it. It was written in the WCHS publications starting about Sept. 1992 and went on for 6 more issues. Very interesting, about the settlement of Falls. I don't remember now if you said you had all the issues or not. I sent for them in spurts, and it would have been less expensive if I had just gotten them all at once, but I wasn't sure what they would be like so just tested the waters before I leaped in. I am still always finding something new when I go through them. Perhaps because my families of interest are expanding!! Will stop for now.

Betty

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study.

2. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study.

3. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings.

5. The fifth part of the paper concludes the study.

6. The sixth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the study.

7. The seventh part of the paper discusses the future research.

8. The eighth part of the paper discusses the conclusion.

9. The ninth part of the paper discusses the references.

10. The tenth part of the paper discusses the appendix.

11. The eleventh part of the paper discusses the bibliography.

12. The twelfth part of the paper discusses the index.

Hi Chris,

I received your photos a couple days ago. Thank you so much. They are great and I never would have expected to see those places except for your generosity. I am enjoying the photos. More about that later.

I am not sure now when I last wrote to you by e-mail. I have printed off several of the e-mails you sent to me, but do not have what I might have sent to you, probably meaning that I did not send any. So many things have happened these last few months. I note that I have e-mails from you on April 25 and May 1 and then the photos that arrived just a day or two ago.

My husband passed away on April 25 of this year. He had been very well and so it was very sudden. About midnight he had an attack of acid reflux (results of a hiatal hernia) and the acid caused him to go into an asthma attack which triggered his heart to give out because he had to struggle so for his breath. It was only about 15 or 20 minutes until he was gone. He had had this before, and usually after about 5 minutes the symptoms subsided enough that he could use his inhaler but this time they did not. And so I quickly called for the EMS but he was gone before they could even arrive. They tried to revive him, but it was not possible. The lady on 911 had me doing CPR but as he could not get any air into his lungs (the coronor actually said that it could go in but not come out which caused his heart to race so much it just gave out). So in a very few minutes I had lost him. So it has been a struggle. He was just 71 years old and 10 days. We were about 2 weeks short of our 50th wedding anniversary. So it has been a time of struggle, but I am making it OK. Just learning that he will not be here again is the hard part. Sorry, didn't mean to tell you all about it, but just wanted to explain that is no doubt why I never responded to your letters.

So will try now to go back over your letters and comment where necessary. You mentioned Mary Fitch Siglin. Mary was the daughter of Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Keeler and married Lanford Siglin and also Christian Deubler. Had some children by the name of Siglin. I believe listed in the inscription list of the Fitch Cemetery in one of the issues of "Lest We Forget" was found a child who was the son of William Fitch who died in 1818. I remembered working with that one as I wanted to know who William Fitch was for sure. Still hanging out there without an exact answer though Gideon had a son named William, don't think this was him.

I guess the tombstone you thought said Skyler Fitch was really Seymour Fitch but of course, both Seymour and Spencer had wives named Elizabeth. And both are buried there.

No I do not have any Fairview Cemetery inscriptions. If you have Fitch info in that cemetery, I would like that and see if I can tie it in with the family.

Also all of the Fitch names in the Lockville Cemetery.....I would be interested in those also with the info you gathered on them. I would guess they should be Gideon's family.

As for the Fitch Cemetery, outside of Roberts, I think I have all that is there as we took many photos and copied down info when we were there, plus have 2 different inscription readings that were taken at one time or the other.

Have you ever developed anything more on your Tombstone Inn story?? That sounds really interesting. Of course even if the folks are not buried there, the writing on the tombstones could be filled with the information you are interested in. I am not sure how many folks would be interested in staying at the Tombstone Inn as it sounds a little bit uninviting, but suppose some do it just for a lark!!

An interesting note on the Fitch House. Wonder when it was built?? The reason I was wondering because it is almost a twin for the house that Nathaniel built here in Allen County, IN!! Same number of windows in the front, same type of front door arrangement and looks almost the same. So wonder if Nathaniel remembered the house and used it for a model when he built his, or if they were just all building houses like that at that time. Nathaniel's was built about 1850 and did have some shutters on the windows for a long time. The only difference is that they put a salt box lean-to on the back of the house. Nathaniel put on a kitchen at the back but not a lean-to. It had a gable end. When I saw the photo it said "it's Nathaniel's house". Good that it is still standing.

By the way, you said that the Lockville Cemetery is in Falls township?? Do you remember where it is in connection to the Roberts? And which side of the River is it on?? Just wondered if I could pin it down.

My husband and I had planned to come to PA and CT this fall but I doubt, now, that I will make that trip alone. So more than ever I appreciate the photos you sent. Thanks again.

petty

(

(

!

Hi Chris,

Thanks for your encouraging e-mail. Sorry your mother had to go through what she did. With a broken hip she was in a much worse position than I am at this time and suppose that left her care on the family when your father passed away. I have been kept so busy I have not had time to be lonely. With my mother's house in town having to be taken care of, repaired, scrubbed, painted, etc. and ready for sale, our granddaughter's wedding (a big affair) and the usual round of financial stuff to be taken care of for myself, and my mother (who is in Lutheran Nursing Home in Fort Wayne) and the distribution of my mother-in-laws estate (she died a year ago, and Warren had owned the farm for just one week when he died. It took a year to get her estate settled) I have been snowed under with things to keep my mind occupied. Guess that is both good and bad. Three of our kids live close and one in Montana, so always have something going on with them or the grandchildren. Didn't mean to get into that.

I checked on my maps of Wyoming County, PA, and did find where Lockville must be. By going over 3 of them I found that when you leave Roberts Cemetery, and go south on 92 you must cross the bridge over the Susquehanna, continue south on 92 on the West side of the river until you get to 292 and turn westerly on that. Then my map showed "Finches Corners", but believe it must be what is now Fitch Corners. The 1869 map shows a Mrs. Fitch living at that corner, and the cemetery, and also a J. Dymond and a H or W Dymond (can't tell for sure, but could even be an N. Dymond). Looks like the cemetery might have come from the Dymond land. There was also a school listed beside the cemetery at that time. The map shows that the cemetery would have been in Northmoreland Township at the time. Several Sicklers also living close by. This is the map I received from Ann Hassold. It might appear that Hannah Fitch may have been a Dymond (as you suggested) as Gideon settled in that area. Or perhaps he settled there first and Hannah was just living across the road so ended up marrying her. From my records Gideon and Hannah had 4 or 5 children and then he remarried after Hannah's death (in 1814) and had no children by his 2nd wife and then had several by his third wife. Since I do not have the births of some of the children, cannot tell for sure who was born before 1814. Gideon, Jr. was in question as to when he was born and just who his mother was.

If you perhaps found Skyler Fitch at the Fairview cemetery it is possible that there was such a Fitch. Our Indiana Fitch family, Nathaniel 1, Mathias 2, had a Schuyler Fitch 3, brother to my husband's grandfather, John 3. Though spelled differently could be where that name came from. I always wondered about it as I could not find the name anywhere else in the family.

No one rambles on any more than I do.

Someday your boys will appreciate all you are doing in the family search, but seems it does take a while. And there are those that just plain don't care. We have one or two in each family that are interested and some that are not. But things change too when they get a little older. Think we all want to know where we came from eventually. Must get ready for church.

Betty

-Chris.

Subj: stuff
Date: 06/11/2000 4:58:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hey Betty!

Glad you're doing so well. Having family close (both ways) helps. Good for you.

Found the notes last night. You're right about Lockville; you do cross over the river, I remember that. I also had seen the Finch Corners on a map; must have been a misprint as it was Fitch Corners for generations and Fitch land, and the old part of the cemetery was Fitch land. Can't remember who Russ Faux said donated the newer section to extend it; think either the Sicklers or Fitches. And about Finch (completely unrelated); remember I told you I saved my g.grandmother Townsend's calling cards from when she was an invalid and thought there were Fitch visitors to her? Turns out they were all 'Finch' visitors, I'd gotten confused in the similarity as I was familiar with both family names from my research. So sorry, no Fitch among them. They may have known Fitches, have no way of knowing, no one to ask. Come to think of it, my g., g.g. and g.g.g. grandfather Townsend were all raised in Falls so must have known Fitches. So there!

Found my Shyler/Skyler notes. His date was buried in the dirt, obviously was broken off from original mount. Very well may be where your IN derivative came from. My 3x great grandfather was 'Considerate' and his son 'Sydney', almost certainly a derivative as I never see the name elsewhere. Then Sydney's grandson, my grandfather was 'Howard Sidney' named my grandfather told me for his grandfather who died @35 in Civil War. Anyway on to burials-

Fairview off R. 307 in Overfield Twp. near Falls:

-Nathaniel 1843-1932 & Marian 1844-1929

John Sickler 1812-1863 & Sarah Fitch 1823-1890, son Anderson 1845-1909. This must be Jacob's son on Ann Hassold's meet but she doesn't show burial place for him. I've been meaning to E-her about this 'find'. That's all I saw at Fairview; may have been more, unmarked.

Lockville:

-Geo. J. 1847-1922, Rosetta (Heitsman) 1846-1917. A Heitsman girl married a Townsend cousin and I think is still living in Dallas, PA although is ill. I correspond with her son.

-Wm. H. 5/19/1869- 8/8/1894, Harry W. 9/19/1879- 2/16/1921, Wm. 8/31/1818- 3/14/1866, Frank son of Wm. J.P.? Fitch, d. 10/10/1837? age 10y, 9mo, 7days. The year and middle initials were unclear but looked like these may be them.

-Think I gave you the stats on Gideon, Hannah, and John/Mary Lawson Dymond. If not, ask. Also think you have all the Fitch/Roberts data I wrote down, already.

That's my dirt. Take care till we write again.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and settlement, followed by a period of rapid expansion and industrialization. The American Revolution and the Civil War were pivotal moments in the nation's history, shaping its identity and values. The 20th century brought significant social and political changes, including the rise of the American Dream and the challenges of the Cold War. Today, the United States continues to evolve, facing new challenges and opportunities in the global landscape.

The American Revolution was a turning point in the nation's history. It was a struggle for independence from British rule, fought between 1775 and 1781. The revolution was led by George Washington and resulted in the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The new nation was born, and the path was set for the future.

The Civil War, fought between 1861 and 1865, was another pivotal moment in American history. It was a conflict between the Northern Union and the Southern Confederacy, primarily over the issue of slavery. The war ended with the Union's victory and the abolition of slavery, leading to the Reconstruction era and the 14th Amendment.

The 20th century was a time of great change and progress. The United States emerged as a world superpower, leading the world in science, technology, and culture. The American Dream became a reality for many, and the nation continued to grow and expand its influence.

The challenges of the Cold War shaped the nation's foreign policy and domestic life. The United States and the Soviet Union were the two superpowers of the world, engaged in a global struggle for dominance. The Cold War ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union, leading to a new era of international relations.

The 21st century has brought new challenges and opportunities. The United States continues to be a global leader, facing issues such as climate change, terrorism, and economic inequality. The American Dream remains a guiding principle, and the nation is committed to progress and innovation. The future of the United States is bright, and the path forward is clear.

The United States is a land of opportunity and freedom. It is a nation that has overcome many challenges and continues to grow and prosper. The American Dream is a reality for all, and the future is bright.

Byron Sickler
Fitch Corner Road, RD1
Falls, PA 18615

Dear Mr. Sickler,

Have recently heard from Chris Barnes who apparently had visited you not too long ago and told me of the house that you live in. He sent me a snapshot of it and it looks amazingly like the one our Nathaniel Fitch built here in Indiana. I will enclose a photo so you can see Nathaniel's house. Nathaniel was born near Falls, PA, and walked to Indiana about 1832, worked on the locks of the Erie Canal as he was a blacksmith. The original Gideon Fitch would have been an uncle to Nathaniel. The rest of Nathaniel's family stayed in the Falls area. At least none came to Indiana with him.

Nathaniel married in 1840 in Indiana and built his house in the early 1850's. Do you know when your house was built? I would like to know all about the house and just who built it and when it might have been built and who all has lived there.

Also what Sickler family do you come from? Jacob Sickler married Abigail Fitch and I know a lady who also comes from that family and I know she would like to know just which family you come from. Chris Barnes is a Sickler also plus belonging to the Townsend family of that area. He has been so kind as to help me with the Fitch line and he is not even a part of that family. So while he looks for his Sicklers and Townsends he also looks for the Fitch family.

Thought we might get to PA this fall as was our plans, but I lost my husband in April and that rather stopped those plans. I will not make the trip alone this soon. Maybe some other day. He was 71 years old and too healthy, but we do not chose our time. Enough of that. Hope to hear from you soon on your house and your connections to the Sicklers and the Fitches. Thanks a bunch.

Betty Fitch, wife of Warren Fitch who is the son of
Otis Fitch, son of
John Fitch, son of
Mathias Fitch, son of
Nathaniel Fitch, son of
Nathaniel Fitch of Falls, PA

14615 Auburn Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

*never received
an answer*

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the position of the various groups. It is a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people. The author has done a great deal of research and has written a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people.

The second part of the report deals with the economic situation of the country. It is a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people. The author has done a great deal of research and has written a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people.

The third part of the report deals with the social situation of the country. It is a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people. The author has done a great deal of research and has written a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people.

The fourth part of the report deals with the political situation of the country. It is a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people. The author has done a great deal of research and has written a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people.

The fifth part of the report deals with the future of the country. It is a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people. The author has done a great deal of research and has written a very interesting and well-written account of the country and its people.

Subj: Re condolences
Date: 06/10/2000 5:54:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Dear Betty-

So very sorry to hear about Warren's passing. When I didn't hear from you I thought maybe 1) you were traveling 2) perhaps there might be a health problem that appeared suddenly, or worse. But hoping for the best figured I hear something eventually. I am so sorry. Seems like you had a great partner. You will need time to bounce back.

My mother went through a similar thing in July '98. My parents celebrated 50 June 28 and dad died at home in his sleep July 28. She'd broken her hip in April and had taken to sleep in the recliner in LR; easier to get out of so never heard if my dad had struggled.

When they went to make sure he was getting up for work at 6AM he'd already been gone. Quite a shock, especially with my dad caring for her while she was recouping from the hip. But nearly two years later she's bounced back and seems pretty adjusted, and I think we all have. Life somehow seems to go on, shock or no shock. Dad had only just turned 74 but seems like he had some grace when Warren was only 71. My comfort I guess is that Dad will never face a gradual decline or long hospitalization or hospice. I guess I'd rather go that quickly myself if premature to struggling with health problem after problem. I pray you would be comforted, and your family will help sustain you as you find your way.

I'll write more later as I gather the Falls bits and pieces together to answer your questions. But just bits and pieces for now. Dymonds are all over the place in Wyoming/Lackawanna. A pioneer family. I think Ann Hassold knew a Bob Dymond who was from nearby Clarks Summit where my mother was raised. This Bob helped her with a lot of Sickler searching. Many are in Lockville/Fitch.

Pretty certain the 'Skyler' is a Skyler or very similar word. Seymore didn't seem to fit.

Can't find the Fairview sheet right now but will eventually. It's here somewhere.

I'm a bit dyslexic with directions but as best I wrote down and can tell you, Lockville is on 292W, which comes off 92S, the opposite direction of Roberts (92N). I think it's same side of river but wouldn't swear to it. Seems like both Roberts and Lockville were on R. of roads with river on L. But don't quote me.

Perhaps if you felt up to writing Byron Sickler, Fitch Comer Rd., RD1, Falls 18615 he could tell you something about the history of Fitch house. Maybe if you offered to send him a shot of Nathaniel's in IN to compare it would motivate him to respond. I know nothing about the man but his name. The chair of the (Lockville) Fitch Cem. Ass'n gave me his name. And the chair is Russell Faux, RR1, Box 251, Falls 18615 (570)333-4788 but maybe 4988. He wrote it down but it's fuzzy. A great, helpful friendly guy who told me lots of history in my brief talk with him. Offered to help you if you need him.

The Tombstone Inn. A wild goose chase. Took a long detour from my route, then back and forth over the same roads till I discovered it. Nobody seems to know where it is, and then I happened upon it. Never went inside because there in the Inn's backyard is a real, bona fide cemetery, quite old but with none of 'our' stones (Fitch either). Many familiar names that I've seen but none I was looking for. So it seems it actually was named for the cemetery behind it, rather than an old man's suspicions. At least now I know for sure. As there is a lagoon/lake downhill from the Townsend plot my theory is some drunk kids or rowdy hunters tossed the headstones into the water, but I'll never know.

Quite a feeling standing on that knoll with my sons, imagining with them how Levi's and later Consider's sons may have splashed around in that water generations ago. Very moving for me, and a historical moment with my sons and I. Expect it'll be years before they grasp just how special that time together was, maybe when (if) they have sons of their own.

Well, I've rambled; you should expect that of me by now. I'll round up the Lockville/Roberts/Fairview stuff and E- you later. Please do take care of yourself, and give yourself time to adjust. Time of course is the great healer, but getting through to the other side is the hard part. Then one day you realize you've survived and are OK.

Fondly-

Found it on a map of Wyoming Co. in my PA Story book I

It says Finches Corner (on map)

Confusing prob because the river dips + curves

From Roberts go South on 92

Cross Susquehanna at the bridge

Continue S. on 92 (Go thru Exeter Twp.)

Turn westerly on 292

Find Fitch's Corners

Cem should be right across the road

4
Subj: (no subject)
Date: 09/21/2000 10:50:17 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Have been thinking of you a lot, wondering how you're getting on. Keeping busy, I'll bet.

Then yesterday my newsletter came from WCHS and you probably picked up the marriage (on page 23, lower corner) between TOWNSEND B. Fitch (of all names, Townsend!) from NY and M. Agatha Stevens. I was shocked, as I've never seen a Townsend in connection with a Fitch. Says the parents are Lewis and Minerva Fitch. This is a longshot, but have you ever heard of these parents and son Townsend? Minerva is a name I've seen given Townsend girls before, so perhaps Lewis' wife Minerva was a Townsend. If so I wonder whose.

Still plugging along with my 1 out of 12 Townsend children that is yet to be accounted for. Close but probably as close as I was a few months ago. Found her husband's obit., and son's burial but no obit or burial for her or husband's cemetery. "No information" so far.

At any rate hope you're doing well and enjoying the cooler fall. Was in IN a few weeks ago en route to IL for a whirlwind weekend, my first time to either places. Otherwise 'visiting' the world via Internet. Stay well-

Fondly, Chris.

Hi Chris,

So good to hear from you again. Yes, I thought of you to as I read the "Lest We Forget" that I just got in the mail and wondered about Townsend B. Fitch. Since I didn't find anything about him in my files I sent an e-mail to a friend in California who keep ALL Fitches (all anybody sends her) in one giant file, thought she might be able to track it down. And yes, we can track down Townsend and his Fitch ancestors, but so far I have not found the lead into the Townsend name unless it is somewhere on the maternal side. We are still looking.

I have this in a more in depth form but will give you the simple run-down on Townsend B. Fitch as we have it. Should you want the rest of the information I can send it to you one way or another, but it is just from the Fitch side for the most part.

Townsend B. Fitch b. 1852 in Big Flats, Chemung Co. N.Y. son of

Lewis Fitch and Minerva Beckwith

Lewis born 1816 in Greene, Chemung Co., N.Y.

removed to Elmira, Chemung Co., N.Y. about 1835

Minerva Beckwith dau. of Albert Alonzo Beckwith and Hannah Griswold

children: Julia, Albert, Ella, Townsend B., Roa, Anna

2nd marriage to Minerva's sister Caroline Beckwith, child Bertha

Lewis was the son of

Ezra Fitch 1773-1840

married Lucinda Hollenbeck, dau. of Abram Hollenbeck and Margaret Storms

Children: Daniel Hollenback Fitch, John Sharp Fitch, Orson Hubbel Fitch,

Mason Price Fitch, Lewis Fitch, Margaret Fitch, Annis Fitch, Mandane

Fitch, Hester Fitch

Ezra is the son of

JONATHAN FITCH 1730-1799

married ANNE CAULKINS

Children: Ephriam, Jonathan, Zoraster, Mason, James, Abigail, Nathaniel, David,

Bette, Ezra, Joshua

Jonathan was the son of

JOSHUA FITCH 1703/4-1790

married MARY TRUMBULL (dau. of Joseph Trumbull and Hannah Higley)

Children: Jonathan, Mary, Joseph Trumbell, Ephraim, Mason, Nathaniel,

Hannah, Abigail, David, Joshua, Faith, Elizabeth, Rachel

Joshua was the son of

CAPT. NATHANIEL FITCH 1679-1759

married ANN ABEL, dau of Joshua Able and Mehitabel Smith

Children: Ann, Joshua, Nathan, Nehemiah, James, John, Nathaniel, Mehitabel,

Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Rachael, Abel, Caleb

also married Mindwell Tisdale and had Jabez, Ezekiel, and Isaac

Nathaniel was the son of

REV. JAMES FITCH 1622-1702

married Abigail Whitefield first, then

PRISCILLA MASON

Children: Daniel, John, Jeremiah, Jabez, Anne, Nathaniel, Jospeh, Eleazer

Rev. James Fitch was the brother of Thomas Fitch, both coming to America from England where they were born. James, a Unitarian minister living in Saybrook, and Norwich, and Lebanon, CT..... Thomas Fitch, one of the founders of Norwalk, CT.

As far as we know, Thomas was the ancestor of the John Fitch who came to Falls, Wyoming Co., PA, and who settled there

(

(

(

and the ancestor of the Fitch family in Falls, Exeter and that area of Wyoming Co., PA

The man who wrote so much about Rev. James Fitch and his ancestors and descendants was John Townsend Fitch now living in Cambridge, MA and still writing books on the descendants of the Rev. James. I will do some looking and see if I can find where he came up with his middle name of "Townsend". I must have it here somewhere, but at this time not sure just where as I do not have him in my FTM.

The Townsend name may come from a maternal side, but I have looked through all this material and do not find it listed so you might have to find it through the Townsend genealogy if I do not come up with it any other way. It is only a shot in the dark that you would be connected with this Townsend B. Fitch, but would be interesting to find out. Should I find out anything more will let you know. If you should find a connection, let me know.

John Townsend Fitch, the author, might also be interested if we find a connection. At this time he does not have any more information on Townsend B. Fitch and didn't even have the marriage of Townsend and Agatha.

Well, this was interesting and hope we can come up with a little more. I am doing fine. As fine as I can be expected to anyway. Staying very busy. Getting ready for winter here. Have plenty of wood to see me through this year. We always did heat with a wood furnace in the basement and I know how to do it, so will continue as long as the wood lasts. Have friends also who cut and split and am sure they will do that for me when the stacks get low. My husband shared a splitter with a couple other fellows so guess I still have 1/3 interest in one! And now own the woods which contains a lot of trees to be culled and used for firewood or whatever. Also have electric heat if I should ever need it in all the rooms.

Enough for now. Should we find a connection with this family I will be glad to send you the information I have.

Betty

Hi Chris,

Just got back information on the "Townsend" in the Author John Townsend Fitch's middle name. He says his mother was a Townsend. However, he really did not give us any information on that name. Perhaps that was because we went through a couple other folks to get to him. Other than the Townsend B. Fitch connection, which led us no where on the Townsend side, he says there are no connections between Fitch and Townsend except for his own case, his mother, in the Rev. James Fitch line. He gives us no indication of how much if any they have done on the Townsend name. So I guess if you are interested at all in going further with that connection I would suggest that you contact him personally yourself and ask. He always answered my questions when I did contact himin the days we thought that our "John Fitch" of PA was from the Rev. James Fitch line.....though his answers were brief and to the point.

His e-mail address is Jtfitch@fitchfamily.com
Web site <http://fitchfamily.com>

The web site will tell you about his books which center on the ancestors and descendants of Rev. James Fitch of Norwich, CT. and tell you a little about him.

I have never heard from the Sickler who was living in the Fitch House. I sent him a copy of a photo of our Nathaniel's house here in Indiana and a letter and a SASE, but have heard nothing. Oh well, perhaps I still will. That was several months ago. So much has happened this past year.

Fall is really here. It is 47 this morning and to be 38 tonight. Down right chilly!! Didn't have much of a garden this year so not much to protect if it should frost. A few tomatoes in large containers. Usually here we do have a frost, and then a few more weeks of warmer weather so if I save them, they will probably last a few more weeks. Then I pick the big green ones and put them in lunch sacks and they turn over a period of time. Not as good as fresh, but better than some of the "store bought" ones.

Will contact you if I should hear more.

Betty

Subj: **Re: Townsend**
Date: 09/25/2000 9:20:19 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Working midnight shift so not as E-prompt!

Thanks for your help with this Townsend Fitch and the Fitch author. Just thought it might be an angle to check out and probably will pursue it with the guy. Never dreamed you would have so much on these two, particularly the T. Fitch. Should have known better, as thorough and extensive as you've researched.

Glad you're doing well. Have thought of you often but didn't want to 'bug' you. Everybody has their own way of coping and dealing.

Regarding the Sickler guy, have no idea how friendly, or healthy (or not) he is. You'd think you would have at least gotten an acknowledgment. But my daughter keeps telling me "everybody's preoccupied" with their own lives and just getting through the days and weeks. I get so impatient! I've been waiting for a 1st cousin of my mom's to respond since Jan '99. Nothing. Wrote again. Nothing. Wrote her less-likely-to-know brother this spring. Nothing. Wrote his son, got a note his dad found some pictures and was going to send them. Son said he was seeing dad after Labor Day. Nothing. But at least I got a response from the son! And I guess things are in the works for 'someday.' Perhaps if you send a SASP, with several choices on the back, like check one: did you receive my letter? no information. Whatever. That way all he has to do is acknowledge he's breathing with a checkmark. Then you'll know he did/did not receive it. Sometimes takes a jog to get some people motivated. I'm sure with all your research I'm not telling you anything new. I've used this technique and it's sometimes worked. Some people will just check the 'have no information' box, sometimes sign it sometimes not, and mail back. Like it's such an effort to write a few lines!

How about Russell Faux at the Fitch/Lockwood Cem. Did you contact him, or find out anything if you did? I do know he said he only had recent records, like last 100 years or so. But you never know what he might have.

Which reminds me. I did have 'something' for you a few months back but forget now what it was, it seemed so trivial to mail you then. But maybe I did? (My Ginkgo biloba is not working!) It may have been about a couple of Fitch kids md. to Sicklers. You may already have these. 1) Eliz. wife of Spencer Fitch buried in Fitch of Roberts. 2) Sarah & Fuller Sickler buried in Elmwood Cem., MON. 3) Hannah & Philo Sherwood @ Roberts. 4) John Sickler md. to Sarah buried @ Fairview Cem., Overland Twp., Wyoming Cty. Don't honestly know if I already told you these; these were 'new' information to me but you may have already known.

Well, stay snug as a bug and warm tonight with the chill flying in (too soon!) Will be in touch and thanks a million for the Townsend/Fitch data. Will let you know if I get 'anywhere'.

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

Just wanted to send you this little tidbit of information that I received in my mailbox today from a person who is of the Tucker family in Greene County, Ohio. (My husband also has Tucker ancestors). Anyway he sent me some copies of tax lists from that county and I saw this:

1816 Duplicate Tax List of Greene County, Ohio
Military Land Tax
Family History Library Microcopy No. 0506579

Abraham Townsend
Levi Townsend

Looks like they may have owned 41 acres of the tract that had originally belonged to a Thomas Posey and it was on a certain water course (unreadable at this time). Could they have been millers? Or owned some kind of mill?? Not sure just what is meant by a military land tax.

I just received these papers and that was the only one I found any Townsends on, but since the one name was Levi and we had the date thought you might have such a Levi in your ancestors somewhere that went to Ohio. Apparently if they owned land they must have been born by about 1790 anyway. Just thought it was a bit of information you might be able to use.

This was the first date of tax lists he sent to me, nothing earlier. The later ones did not contain a Townsend, however, don't always have the "Ts" unless there was a Tucker there also. Should I find anything more when I read over these papers will let you know.

Betty

Subj: **Re: Townsend**
Date: 10/10/2000 9:58:14 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Betty-

Thanks for keeping my Levi in mind as you do your research.

I did read about a Levi that moved to OH and seems to have located in Harrison Co, his father a Joseph. Don't know if this is the same one or not. Never recall an Abraham anywhere, so this particular first name is an especially new angle.

Thanks for forwarding the info. I will keep it with my Townsend data and see if anything happens. The Levi in Harrison Co was supposed to be descended from the big three original Townsend brothers so it's not such a longshot that this Levi and Abraham in Greene are too far from the mark.

Still working on the last of my 3x great grandfather Townsend's 13 children. Have her husband and son's date of death, and place of burial for the son (not the father) but nothing for her. Since I've deadended for the son will try another son in case there's a relationship or link. It's KS and I've been working with this one for a year and not getting much. A tough one!

Hope you're staying warm. Think of y'all often. Thanks again-

-Chris.

Hi Chris,

I just made e-mail contact with another Sickler and thought maybe you might be intertested in contacting him if you have not already done so. I did not know how much work you have done on the Sickler family and perhaps you have a great deal more than he has. A couple years ago I received his work from another Fitch cohort and so recently he has contacted her again. This time I e-mailed him myself about a question he had and he sent me his Jacob Sickler genealogy. Although he is not from Jacob, but from his brother Mathias, sons of George and Kesiah. I do not know how much more he knows about George and Kesiah.

His name is Robert Scott Sickler and signs himself Scott. E-mail address is
ssickler@tir.com

As his information did not have much on Consider and Mariah, I sent him the names and dates of their children so he would have that to add to what he already had.

Don't know if he might have anything that you do not have or not on the Sickler family, but when sending him the Consider and Mariah info, I thought I should let you know about him anyway.

Guess that's it for today. I am having a new garage door installed today so I can be sure I can get in and out this winter! We had been having some problems with it but Warren was always able to take care of it. I didn't want to take any chances. Fall has been beautiful around here in Indiana. Haven't done anything on genealogy except to received and answer e-mails. There is always this winter, I hope! I have such a long list, but this summer and fall had other things that were most important. Take care.

Betty

PS - He has been in touch with Ann Hassold.

Subj: **Re: Sickler**
Date: 10/27/2000 11:11:50 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
J: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Thanks for the new contact, I'll see if he has any more than Ann Hassold. I appreciate you forwarding him to me.

Progress on Maria is at a standstill. Roadblocks with the son's death (this would be Maria, dau. of Consider/Maria.) May try another son, but I have less to go on with him.
Since this is relatively 'new' information (1880-1910), it's so frustrating to have unavailable information. I can understand few records for earlier events, but this isn't so long ago. But then this is KS I'm searching, and I guess they didn't keep records till later on.

As usual will keep you posted. Glad you're enjoying Fall. This warmth is so appreciated, given they're predicting higher gas bills for winter. But then you have wood to burn so that will help.

Have been busy on my other lines of late, on my dad's side, lines I've had less info. on and was farther behind. So am eeking ahead.

Take care, stay well, and good wishes sent your way-

-Chris.



Husband: Consider Townsend

Born: December 16, 1789 in: New York State
 Married: October 29, 1820 in: Exeter Twp., Luzerne or Wyoming Co., PA (name of Co. changed later)
 Died: December 16, 1861 in: Falls Township, Wyoming Co., PA
 Father: Levi Townsend
 Mother: Rebecca Jones

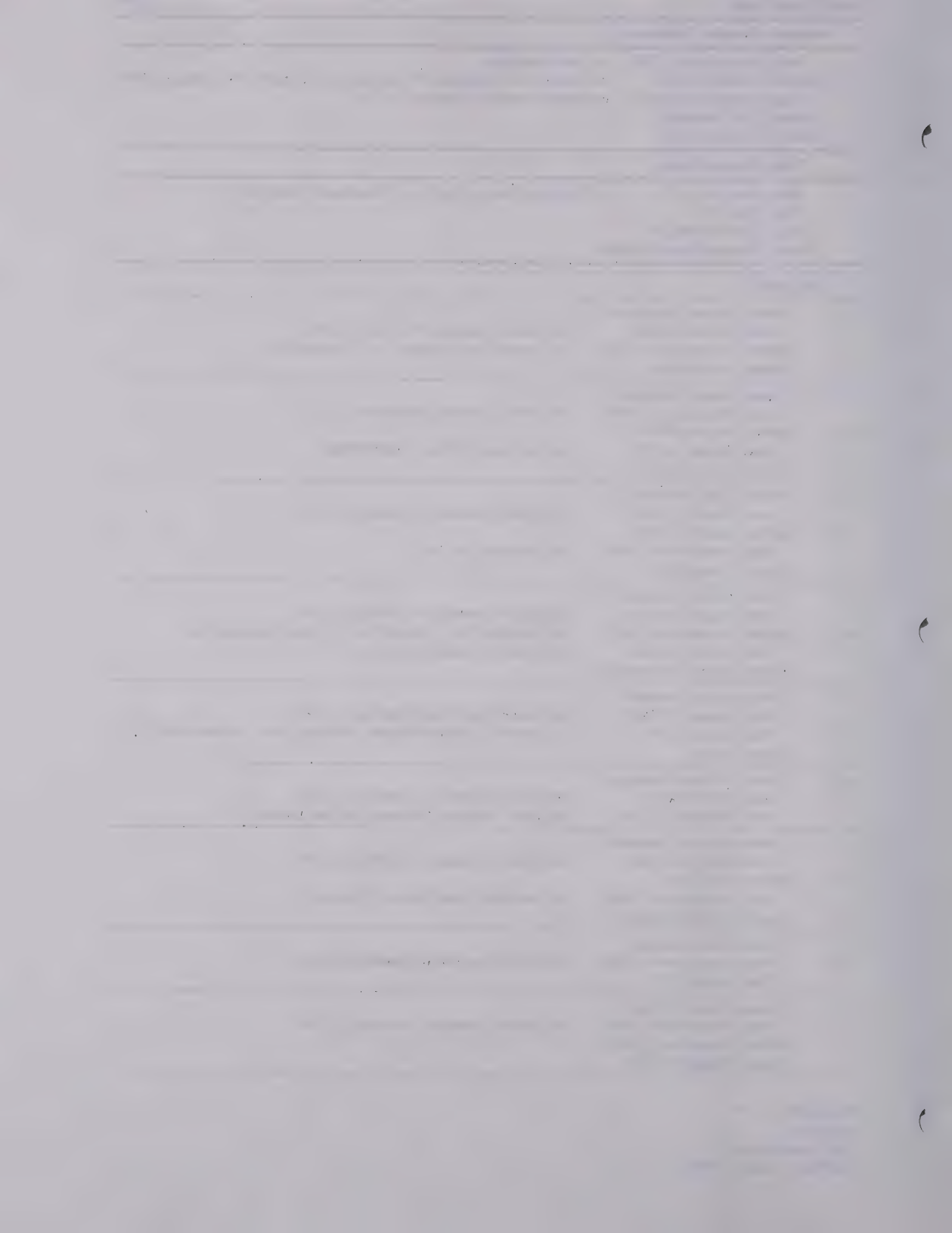
Wife: Mariah Sickler

Born: June 24, 1803 in: Dutchess County, New York (Woodstock, Ulster, NY)
 Died: Aft. 1876
 Father: Jacob Sickler, Sr.
 Mother: Hannah Rachel Chatfield

CHILDREN

1	Name: Hannah Townsend	
F	Born: August 10, 1821	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: December 04, 1844	in: Benton Twp., Luzerne Co., (Wyoming) PA
	Spouse: Jacob States	
2	Name: Nancy Townsend	
F	Born: December 31, 1824	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: October 1842	
	Died: August 11, 1906	in: Lee County, Illinois (buried there)
	Spouse: Joel Compton	
3	Name: Levi Townsend	
M	Born: October 23, 1826	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: June 08, 1846	
	Died: November 07, 1878	in: Wyoming Co., PA
	Spouse: Laura Akely	
4	Name: Sydney Townsend	
M	Born: August 06, 1828	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: December 08, 1852	in: Kingston Twp., Luzerne Co., PA (now Wyoming Co.)
	Died: August 04, 1864	in: Broadway Landing, Virginia
	Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Hawk	
5	Name: Jacob Townsend	
M	Born: August 29, 1830	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Died: June 29, 1904	in: date in ? - Hillside Hospital, Abington Twp., Lackawanna Co., PA
	Spouse: Helen	
6	Name: Dillavan Townsend	
M	Born: July 29, 1832	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Died: February 22, 1855	in: Falls Township, Wyoming Co, then Luzerne, PA
7	Name: Rebecca Townsend	
F	Born: August 06, 1823	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: Bef. 1847	
	Died: November 10, 1903	in: Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin
	Spouse: Adam Shoemaker	
8	Name: Giles Townsend	
M	Born: September 18, 1834	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Died: July 04, 1877	
9	Name: Maria Townsend	
F	Born: November 04, 1836	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
	Married: September 22, 1853	
	Spouse: Horace W. Finn	

Prepared By:
 Betty Fitch
 14615 Auburn Road
 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46845



10	Name: Harriet Townsend Born: December 04, 1838	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
F	Married: April 18, 1858 Died: May 22, 1901 Spouse: Hugh Chapin	in: Wisconsin in: Wisconsin
11	Name: Charles Townsend Born: May 11, 1841	in: Exeter Township, Wyoming Co., PA
M	Died: Abt. February 18, 1889	in: El Paso, Texas
12	Name: Benjamin Townsend Born: September 05, 1844	in: Falls Township, Wyoming Co, PA
M	Married: December 25, 1866 Died: December 15, 1915 Spouses: Fanny Miller, Clara Maude Ward	in: Tarpon Springs, Florida

Try it today - there's no risk! For your FREE software, visit:

<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/taga>.

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <kkfitch@juno.com>

Received: from rly-yg04.mx.aol.com (rly-yg04.mail.aol.com [172.18.147.4]) by air-yg01.mail.aol.com (v76_r1.8) with ESMTP; Mon, 16 Oct 2000 12:47:46 -0400

Received: from m4.boston.juno.com (m4.boston.juno.com [63.211.172.67]) by rly-yg04.mx.aol.com (v76_r1.19) with ESMTP; Mon, 16 Oct 2000 12:47:10 -0400

Received: from cookie.juno.com by cookie.juno.com for

<"LI3sZPqkbqzZWsE2puVbx2cypDLzV/x8J8o2wtDoWy5kQAaynHj03Q==">

Received: (from kkfitch@juno.com)

by m4.boston.juno.com (queuemail) id FLH2GCCR; Mon, 16 Oct 2000 12:45:55 EDT

To: WFITCH5413@aol.com

Date: Mon, 16 Oct 2000 09:39:47 -0700

Subject: Fitch, et fiddlin'

Message-ID: <20001016.094424.-237619.4.KKFitch@juno.com>

X-Mailer: Juno 4.0.11

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

X-Juno-Line-Breaks: 0-1,3-4,13-14,18-21,24-27,29-31,40-45,47,49,51,53-92,94-95,97-99,101,103-105,115-116,125-126,131-132,136-137,142-143,147-148,154-155,157-161

X-Juno-Att: 0

X-Juno-RefParts: 0

From: kkfitch@juno.com

LEVI TOWNSEND	and	Rebecca Jones (dau. Ben Jones and Jeimimah Delevan
Peter	and	Mary Polly Osterhout (dau. Of John)
Zephaniah	and	Prudence Harding (dau. Stephen and Jain)
Benjamin	and	Clarissa Keeler (dau. Of Paul)
Sarah	and	Major Jones
Rhoda	and	Benjamin Kinyon (son of Comfort and Alice)
Minerva	and	Luther Dailey (son of Joseph and Elinor)
Rebecca	and	Josiah Sterling (son of Samuel and Mary)
Susanna	and	Homan Beecher Morgan
Charles	and	Amy Williams (dau. Of Rufus and Amy Jenkins
Considerate	and	Mariah Sickler (dau. Of Jacob and Hannah)

CONSIDERATE TOWNSEND	and	Mariah Sickler
Hannah	and	possibly Jacob States (or was Jacob child #2?)
Nancy	and	Loel Compton
Levi	and	Laura Akely
Sydney	and	Mary Elizabeth Hawk
Jacob	and	Helen
Dillavan		
Rebecca	and	Adam Shoemaker
Giles	and	
Maria	and	Horace W. Finn
Harriet	and	Hugh Chapin
Charles	and	Nettie or Elizabeth ?
Benjamin	and	Fannie Miller and Clara Maud Ward

SYDNEY TOWNSEND	and	Mary Elizabeth Hawk
Alvah B.		and Violet Gardner
Firman George	and	Harriet Bacauley
Frances Mary	and	John Brown
Allie M.		
Benjamin		

ALVAH B. TOWNSEND	and	Violet Gardner
Edna May	and	John T. Watson
Howard Sidney	and	Jane White

HOWARD S. TOWNSEND	and	Zaida Jane White
Margaret Fane	and	Samuel J. Barnes

CHRISTOPHER R. BARNES

Subj: (no subject)
Date: 11/22/2000 7:38:03 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hey 'Cousin'-

Thinking of you this holiday, hoping you're staying warm and have a good supply of wood for the fire and men who volunteer to chop it! I know, I'm sexist/chauvinist.

I lost a ton of 'old' saved mail, along with my Eaddress book this week due to server problems, but I'm back now. Found your address on a recent mailing that wasn't deleted, somehow, but lost Ann Hassold's. Could you forward it when you get a minute? No hurry at all, I don't even need to write her but know I will at some point.

Your Scott Sickler and I have been back and forth with data so he's another good lead for the big picture, and thanks for his referral. He said he had a TOWNSEND source and I wrote her but turns out she was someone who got her TOWNSEND info. from you so not a new source for me, k.k.Fitch. I was disappointed (thought it might be 'new' information) but she seems like a great searcher also. I think we're getting up a pretty good bunch of Luzerne/Wyoming searchers.

Hope you're going to be surrounded by your loved ones this Thanksgiving, and hope it is great. Fondly,

-Chris.

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="--JNP_000_7cda.51a7.59af"
pm: kkitch@juno.com

Hi Chris,

☾ You had a good weekend. Naturally, I ate too much. All the kids invited me over as they did not want me to do the cooking, except that I MUST bring my chocolate pudding pies. So had several good meals with left-overs for a few more days! So am being well taken care of. I don't worry about male chauvinists.....it is good to have someone else do my wood chopping and hauling!! I still believe that most men are stronger than most women so why fight it?? I can haul, and split and stack, and poke it in the wood furnace, but will definitely leave the chain saw to someone else.

Ann's address.....hassold@home.com

Yes, Karen.....kkFitch.....has been a correspondent with me for about 2 or 3 years now. At first just by mail as I did not have a computer. She found our son, John's name, and sent to him and he turned her over to me. She has a big data base of Fitch's and some that cross the Fitch lines. Puts all she receives into the computer but there are a lot of lose ends. Her family is from the same family line of Thomas Fitch that my husband's is, but split early in New England so only meet back about 8 generations. So she carries lines down on all 4 of the Fitch brothers who came to Connecticut as well as lines back on any Fitch who will send her their ancestry. I believe the basic lines she is researching in PA would be Bradford Co. and has only touched on the Luzerne/Wyoming area because of my interest there.

Well, must get on with the day. Having drizzle and 43 degrees here and that is the forecast high for the day. Happy hunting in your searches. Think of you often and appreciate all you have done to help me out. Probably the next month will be spent more on the "Christmas" line than genealogy, but guess it is that way with all of us. Am hoping to get back to my favorite place, the Allen Co. Library, after the first of the year. Seems so many things, other than genealogy, get in the way! But a family is a precious commodity and grandchildren who play basketball will keep me busy during the winter evenings! 3 out of the 4 who are still in elementary and high school made their teams. Katie being the youngest and in the 7th grade. If we have a pro in the family, she will be it! Well, have a good week ahead.

Betty

☾

☾

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for a systematic approach to data collection and the importance of using reliable and valid measurement instruments.

3. The third part of the document discusses the ethical considerations that must be taken into account when conducting research. It emphasizes the need to protect the rights and privacy of participants and to ensure that the research is conducted in a fair and unbiased manner.

Subj: **Re: Ann's address**
Date: 11/29/2000 1:41:55 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Hey Betty-

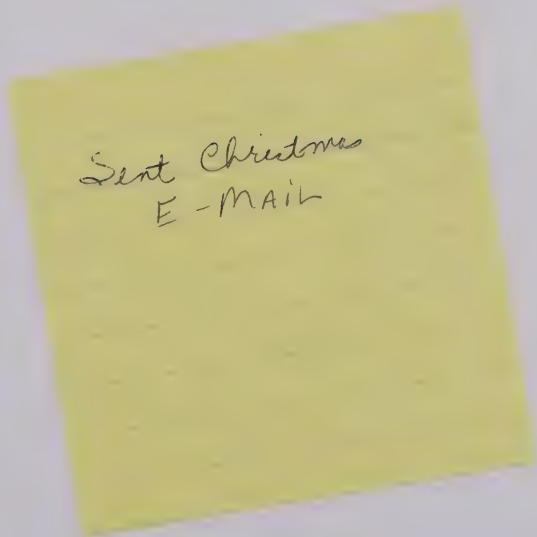
Sounds like you're keeping plenty busy and warm. Good!

Thanks for Ann's address.

I know what you mean about things getting in the way of research. I don't like having to share my keyboard time with practical chores (and my kitchen proves it!). I'm on a new TOWNSEND trail, beyond Consider/Maria to a generation before and it's a good lead but taking a lot of work. The other night I blew everything else off and sat for hours combing data to try and make connections as somebody from another line may dovetail if I can mine out the connection, but it's taking a lot of work. I'm driven so that's no problem, but meals, family and now the holidays tend to bog progress up a bit. But it will be there whenever I get back to it. But as I've waited so long to turn the TOWNSEND corner in Levi's family I can't wait to work this out and tend to get single-minded.

Will keep you posted. Am waiting for a newspaper microfilm from KS right now in my continuing journey for Maria TOWNSEND FINN, so that's still ongoing. Take care of yourself and will be in touch-

-Chris.



Sent Christmas
E-MAIL

Subj: **Re: Merry Christmas**
Date: 12/14/2000 9:29:30 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

A big 'Merry Christmas' to you and yours! Here's hoping you have a great holiday with all those folks to keep you busy, between basketball games and unwrapping gifts. Glad they're keeping you stocked with wood. My mother and sister just put in a wood stove, the first wood-burning 'utility' our family, at least since my folks were married, have ever had. It's a great thing, so far, and is therapeutic for my mom's knees which are pretty painful in the winter and the heat helps.

I wanted to mention also, the Wyoming County freeserver's page, I think, on it's query page, had a question from an Ed Dickinson the other day about Fitch/Lockville. He's trying to gather all the pre-records info. from all sources for Russell Faux who will keep it with the more-recent recorded data for anyone interested. This comes at a very busy time for me but I'll try and gather what I have from my various sources and send it to him. Between my visit in the spring and the Shoemaker book I can contribute some stuff that might be duplicated by others, but I'll send him all the Fitch info. I sent you, and other stuff I recorded and can dig up. I thought you might have information only from 'family' sources that would not be publicly accessible you might be interested in contributing. If you need his Eaddress let me know. I don't know how soon I can gather everything for him, but eventually...

Have a great holiday!

Fondly, Chris.

Subj: **Gideon & Hannah, maybe Clarissa...**
Date: 01/14/2001 11:28:22 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
WFitch5413

Hello Cousin-

How you farein, there in IN? Enjoying the unusual break from the cold, I'll bet. I did read that these next months would be unseasonably warm to the unusual cold we had before the holidays, so I hope this prediction is right. Come on, summer!

I saw a query on the WCHS page today; don't know if you see them. It's from the Ed & Sandy Dickinson I wrote you about last Fall who are gathering Fitch/Lockville info. to put together and make available. They were querying about Gideon & Hannah who they think had a daughter Rhoda. I think this is the Hannah whose stone I found covered over, Gideon's first wife. They also mentioned Clarissa, had originally thought she was Rhoda's mother. I told them about Shoemaker's page 608 reference to Clarissa Bennett Fitch and told them I'd send their name/address along to you if you want to add anything. I didn't give them your name/address, so if you want to respond it's your option.

Things have been pretty dry here, history wise. I discovered where one of Maria Townsend Finn's sons ended up and have been exploring that line for a few weeks to try and learn more, so it's slow going. Still waiting for that breakthrough. I'm so close on Maria, yet have been for maybe a year now. I'm now back in the town I found her in 1870, so will scour that place (with help, again).

Take good care and stay warm.

Fondly, Chris.

OVER - for reply

Hi Chris,

Think maybe you forgot to include their address. Atleast I couldn't find it. Even checked my fall e-mails to no avail. Then tried the WCHS site. For some reason I did not find the proper one as there were no queries there at all. Think maybe I did not find the right Web page and like a dummy I never did put it on my Bookmarks or Favorite places (which it should be). So if you will send their 3-mail address I would love to correspond with them. Not that I know much more than you do, but I suspect they must belong to the family into which Rhoda Fitch married? Rhoda being as far I can discern, the daughter of Gideon and Hannah. Clarissa was Gideon's last wife and don't believe there were any children by her. All by wife #1 and #2. And Rhoda married Joseph Dickinson. Though there were other Fitch folk who married Dickinsons also. We all need to pool our information.

Yes, the weather has been much better, but with the warmer temps around here we have developed quite a bit of fog. It has not been so bad it keeps us at home though.

Looks like the coming week may be a little colder, but no big storms on the way. My wood is holding out fine but I certainly appreciate all the work it took my husband to get it cut and split. However, it was it one thing that he really liked and loved the quietness and peace of the woods. Have a good week!

Betty

Subj: **Re: Dickinson address**
Date: 01/15/2001 9:18:54 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PoohsChris@cs.com
: WFitch5413

Hi Betty-

Great hearing from you, and glad you're wood is holding out. With the gas prices this winter I wish I had some supplement or alternative. My daughter has a wood burner but it's "so much trouble" to use, when they paved their driveway last fall they gave away the wood stacked at the end of it. Then this cold and the storms came this month. Their power got knocked out. Carrie had to take the babies to Grandmas. I asked the other day if they had reconsidered. In unison they answered "oh yes"! They even went back to the guy they gave the wood to and asked for some of it back! I had a good laugh. Reality changes your perspective, I guess. The older we get the more opportunity for reality.

Anyway, what Ed and Sandy Dickinson is doing is a great thing. That Fitch cemetery has a lot of old information not gathered in any one place and if they get some cooperation may accumulate something do help lots of others. Just wish one of my lines was there then it could help me, too, but sent them what I had found via being there and the Shoemaker book. And I think Ed is of the Gideon>Rhoda line, you're right. He says he will share what he has of that group. Their address is:

Dickinson6@aol.com (Ed & Sandy)

Take it easy and stay well, the flu's supposed to be en route...

-Chris.

From: News@Genealogy.com
Message-ID: <200101141720.BDSa02647@rly-yh04.mx.aol.com>

<<Back



Flood Waters Isolate Tunkhannock

Wednesday, June 28, UPDATED: 5:48 p.m.
By Rosa Yum

Residents of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County are stuck. There is no way in and no way out. The Tunkhannock Creek is at one of its highest levels in years.

Route 6 is covered by the overflowing creek. With the main roads to Tunkhannock closed, only those who know the back roads were able to come in and out of the borough.

The swift current from Swale Brook brought down a lot of debris, choking the bridge. That backed up the water onto the road and caused part of the bridge to collapse.

"We use the water rescue vehicles if we need to get to areas to rescue people if we can. Just use whatever resources available to try to do the best we can and improvise," said Paul Gardner with Tunkhannock Ambulance.

If it weren't for all the closed signs, walking through downtown Tunkhannock, wouldn't be any different than any other day. But all the main roads are closed and some parts of the borough's drinking water is down. Electricity has been sporadic.

Most of the businesses were closed, but the Dietrich Theater went out of its way to stay open.

"We thought well, there are a lot of people in town, who might just want to walk to the movies, so we turned it on. But the power did go down about an hour ago for about five minutes and Esther waited and started to run the film again," said Hildy Morgan.

Outside of the borough more damage from the raging creek could be seen. One house crashed into another, brought down by the racing currents. The high water made another look like an island. Debris clogged a nearby bridge.

Judy Petras lost her vegetable farm. She left her home last night in case she got surrounded by water. "We evacuated our cat with us, important papers, the documents. We had deeds or things like that," Petras said.

Emergency management officials said this could be some of the worst flooding this part of Pennsylvania has ever seen.



Houses near the Tunkhannock Creek were inundated.



Send questions or comments about this web site to webmaster@wnep.com.
All content © Copyright 2002 - 2006 WorldNow and WNEP. All Rights Reserved.
For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).



Photo taken from the front of the boat.

Residents of Tunkannock Wharf, which are about 100 yards from the river, are in a bit of a predicament. The Tunkannock Creek is at one of its highest levels and no way out. The Tunkannock Creek is at one of its highest levels and no way out.

Route 8 is covered by the overflow of water. With the water rising to the level of the road, only those who know the back roads were able to come in and out of the village.

With the water rising, it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

Using the water rescue vehicle, a need to get in, it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

It is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

Last of the businesses were closed, but the District Theater went out of business to stay open.

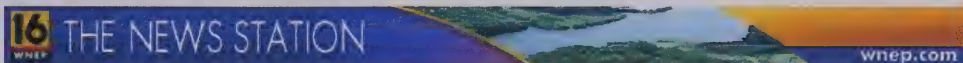
The drought was there for a long time, but it was not until the water was so high that it was not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

Outside of the drought, the water was so high that it was not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

By the time the water was so high that it was not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

There is now a great deal of water, and it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

Part of the problem is that the water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in. The water is rising so fast that it is not only a matter of getting out, but also of getting in.

[<<Back](#)

Counties Declared Federal Disaster Area

Friday, June 30, UPDATED: 7:23 p.m.
By Rosa Yum

Eight counties are now federal disaster areas after the flood of 2006. The announcement came late Friday afternoon.

The counties in area are Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Columbia and Northumberland. Berks and Northampton counties are also on the list.

That means the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA can now bring in emergency food and other relief supplies. Those five counties are also now eligible for federal flood relief money.

"We just an announcement call from FEMA that five counties have been designate for public assistance, federal disaster assistance, which is great news for those counties because the FEMA teams will be up here," Senator Rick Santorum said Friday afternoon before the additional counties were added.

"Now, we've got to get it expanded to more counties because Wayne County and some of the other counties have tremendous damage, Wayne and Pike and so we have to get more counties included, but this is a start," said Congressman Don Sherwood.

In the Great Bend-Hallstead area in Susquehanna County streets are still flooded and homes left isolated. In Great Bend Township, the level of the Susquehanna River has not gone down much. This is one place where the water level is still quite high.

Water still surrounds a restaurant there. Workers used a front-end loader to haul out the trash and clean up the place.

Across the street, the Mountain View Plaza is also still under water. Right next door is the Colonial Brick Inn and Suites.

Some cars are still submerged under water.

Police are directing traffic at an intersection because there's still no power for the traffic lights.

Officials warn people not to wade through the water. The contaminated water can be a serious health hazard.

Harmony Road, which leads to a community of about 90 homes, is still flooded. There is no way in or out except by boat.

"There's two boats. Andy Decker and myself, we rotate back and forth bringing people and materials, water, gas, whatever people might need back and forth," said Tim Burke of Great Bend Township.

His son's house is still under five feet deep of water but he said everyone's pitching in to help each other to restore their lives.

"Starting yesterday we brought the electric folks over so they could get power restored to the area. They did that and we now have power over there, so that's a big plus," Burke added.

Getting food is also a problem. There are only two grocery stores in Great Bend Township. One is still under water.

At Bilo Foods in Great Bend Township, workers are carting damaged groceries out of the store. The store was under a few feet of water. Now it's time for the big clean up.

"We've had teams down here yesterday working through the store as best we can to clean up. At 11 p.m. last night we were actually told to stop the clean up and to evacuate the area because the water was coming back up again," said John MacIntyre, with Bilo Operations.

Rob's Market across the street is still under water and is closed until further notice.

The Bilo is also closed while the clean up continues but the store's owner has set up a makeshift market just down the road.

Residents there were buying needed supplies.

"When we first came out we had the Bilo's trucks come down with water and ice. And we're lucky we have Bilos here because otherwise you'd have to go all the way to Montrose to Price Chopper," said Carey McCarthy.

Apart from the daily necessities being sold there, Bilo Foods has already donated two tractor-trailers of water and is still giving away one tractor trailer of ice.

The store manager said the road-side Bilo will be there as long as possible.

"I'll tell you, it's handy. Very handy, you know for people that need this stuff. I mean that's basically what we're needing, bread and milk and that's about it," said Shanie Ralston.



Send questions or comments about this web site to webmaster@wnep.com.
All content © Copyright 2002 - 2006 WorldNow and WNEP. All Rights Reserved.
For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).

Household Record

1880 United States Census

[Search results](#) | [Download](#)[Previous Household](#) [Next Household](#)

Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
A. B. FITCH	Self	M	Male	W	41	PA	Keeps Cigar Store	PA	PA
Lucinda FITCH	Wife	M	Female	W	35	PA	Keeping House	PA	PA
Ella FITCH	Dau	S	Female	W	15	PA	At Home	PA	PA
Saml. FITCH	Son	S	Male	W	11	PA	At Home	PA	PA
Rosa FITCH	Dau	S	Female	W	8	PA	At Home	PA	PA
Albert FITCH	Son	S	Male	W	2	PA	At Home	PA	PA

Source Information:

Census Place Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Family History Library Film [1255205](#)
NA Film Number T9-1205
Page Number [137B](#)

[View original image](#) for a fee at *Ancestry.com*

© 1999-2002 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. English approval: 3/1999
Use of this site constitutes your acceptance of these [Conditions of Use](#) (last updated: 3/22/1999).
[Privacy Policy](#) (last updated: 11/24/2004). 28 <http://www.familysearch.org> v.2.5.0

Family Group Record

FamilySearch™ Ancestral File v4.19

[Download GEDCOM](#)

Husband's Name[Samuel W FITCH](#) (AFN:1CSX-QRN)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** Jun 1868 **Place:** Prob.tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania**Married:** 5 Oct 1892 **Place:** Tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania**Father:** [Albert FITCH](#) (AFN:1CSX-QP8)[Family](#)**Mother:**

Wife's Name[Harriet May AVERY](#) (AFN:1CSX-QLM)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** 3 May 1870 **Place:** Tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania**Married:** 5 Oct 1892 **Place:** Tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania**Father:** [Aaron Lane AVERY](#) (AFN:1CSX-Q5X)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Mary Clarissa OGDEN](#) (AFN:1CSX-Q65)

Children**1. Sex Name****M** [Herbert Spencer FITCH](#) (AFN:1CSX-QMT)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** 3 Dec 1893 **Place:** Tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania

2. Sex Name**F** [Helen Gilman FITCH](#) (AFN:1CSX-QN2)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** 3 Dec 1893 **Place:** Tunkhannock, , Pennsylvania

© 1999-2002 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. English approval: 3/1999
Use of this site constitutes your acceptance of these [Conditions of Use](#) (last updated: 3/22/1999).
[Privacy Policy](#) (last updated: 11/24/2004). 28 <http://www.familysearch.org> v.2.5.0

Alfred & Lucinda? Yes

Herbert b. 2-15-1898 d. 7-1977 in Florida

Family Group Record

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Birth: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
Death: 2 May 1930 Place: Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Household Record

1880 United States Census

[Search results](#) | [Download](#)[Previous Household](#) [Next Household](#)

Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Harvey SICKLER	Self	M	Male	W	28	PA	Drug Store Clerk	—	—
Hattie S. SICKLER	Wife	M	Female	W	20	PA	Keeping House	PA	PA

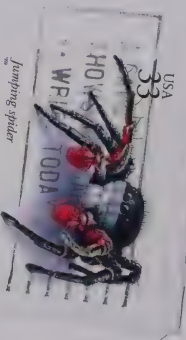
Source Information:

Census Place Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Family History Library Film [1255205](#)
NA Film Number T9-1205
Page Number [137B](#)

[View original image](#) for a fee at *Ancestry.com*

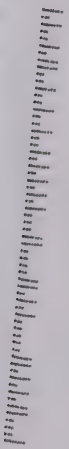
© 1999-2002 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. English approval: 3/1999
Use of this site constitutes your acceptance of these [Conditions of Use](#) (last updated: 3/22/1999).
[Privacy Policy](#) (last updated: 11/24/2004). 26 <http://www.familysearch.org> v.2.5.0

Christopher R. Barnes
537 Peebles St., 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221



Betty L. Fitch
14615 Auburn Rd.
Ft. Wayne
IN 46845

46845/3633



✓ Decker D Dewitt

Age in 1910: 23

Estimated Birth Year: 1887

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Relation to Head of House: Son

Father's Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Mother's Name: Etta M Dewitt

Mother's Birth Place: Illinois

Home in 1910: Tunkhannock Ward 1, Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Marital Status: Single

Race: White

Gender: Male

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members: Name Age

Etta M Dewitt 50 Widow 3 children, 3 living

Ellise M Dewitt 29 daughter

Decker D Dewitt 23 son

✓ Decker Dewitt

Home in 1930: Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania

[View Map](#)

Age: 48

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1882

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Relation to Head of House: Head

Race: White

Parents' birthplace: [View image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members: Name Age

Decker Dewitt 48 Single Caretaker, Pool Room Rents

Alice Holton 31 Married Clerk, Pool Room Boarder

✓ Clinton G Dewitt
Birth Year: abt 1822
Age in 1870: 48
Birthplace: New Jersey
Home in 1870: Exeter, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
Clinton G Dewitt 48
Emeline Dewitt 49
Wm W Dewitt 22
Ester Dewitt 19
Mary E Dewitt 11

✓ Clinton Dewitt
Home in 1900: Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
[Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania]
Age: 18
Birth Date: Jan 1882
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relationship to head-of-house: Grandson
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Mother's Name: Ettie Dewitt
Mother's Birthplace: Illinois
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: View on Image
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Selistia Dewitt 77 widow Nov 1822 PA NY NY
Ettie Dewitt 40 dau in law June 1859 IL PA PA
Leslie Dewitt 19 gr dau Dec 1880 PA PA IL
Clinton Dewitt 18 gr son Jan 1882 PA PA IL
Decker Dewitt 14 gr son Aug 1885 PA PA IL

✓ Clinton Dewitt
Age in 1860: 38
Birth Year: abt 1822
Birthplace: New Jersey
Home in 1860: Exeter, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Post Office: Exeter
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
Clinton Dewitt 38
Eneline Dewitt 38
William W Dewitt 12
Ester Dewitt 9
Mary E Dewitt 1
Abraham Conklin 23

✓ D D Dewitt
Birth Year: abt 1820
Age in 1870: 50
Birthplace: New Jersey
Home in 1870: Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
D D Dewitt 50 born NJ Banker
Celetia Dewitt 47 born PA Keeping house
F N Dewitt 20 born PA At home
Milison Dewitt 16 born PA At home
Eda D Smith 23 born PA Farm labor Edward

✓ D D Dewitt
Age in 1860: 40
Birth Year: abt 1820
Birthplace: New Jersey
Home in 1860: Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Post Office: Tunkhannock
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
D D Dewitt 40 born NJfarmer
Celistia Dewitt 37 born PA
Franklin Dewitt 9
Malissa Dewitt 7
Andrew Dewitt 25 farmer
Malissa Warren 35 born PA

✓ Frank W. Dewitt

Home in 1880: Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Age: 30

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1850

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head)

Spouse's Name: Ettie M. Dewitt

Father's birthplace: New Jersey

Mother's birthplace: Pennsylvania

Neighbors: View others on page

Occupation: Cashier Wyo. Nat. Bank

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

Household Members: Name Age

Frank W. Dewitt	30	PA	NJ	PA	Cashier, Wyo. National Bank
Ettie M. Dewitt	22	IL	NJ	PA	Keeping house
Lessie May Dewitt	1	PA	PA	IL	at home

Delmer Durland

Age:
Estimated Birth Year:
Gender:
Race:
Birthplace:
Marital Status:
Relation to Head of House:
Home in 1940:
Inferred Residence in 1935:
Residence in 1935:
Sheet Number:
Attended School or College:
Highest Grade Completed:
Income Other Sources:
Neighbors:

17
abt 1923
Male
White
Pennsylvania
Single
Son
Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
[View Map](#)
Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Same Place
9A
Yes
High School, 3rd year
Yes
[View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name
[Bessie Durland](#)
[Delmer Durland](#)
[Emerson Sands](#)
[Anabell Sands](#)
[Stanley Sands](#)
[Edward Sands](#)
[Robert Sands](#)

Age
54 — 1886
17 — 1923
24 — 1916
23 — 1917
4 — 1936
1 — 1938
8/12 — 1939

Delmar Durland

Publication Date:
Publication Place:
Death Date:
Death Place:
Age at Death:
Birth Date:

3 May 2006
abt 2006
83
Abt 1923

Vera R Fitch

Gender: Female
Birth Year: abt 1920
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Race: White
Home in 1930: Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
[View Map](#)
Marital Status: Single
Relation to Head of House: Daughter
Father's Name: Harold S Fitch
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Mother's Name: Irene Fitch
Mother's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Occupation:

Education:

Military Service:

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace: [View Image](#)
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name
[Harold S Fitch](#)
[Irene Fitch](#)
[Glenn L Fitch](#)
[Carl D Fitch](#)
[Vera R Fitch](#)
[Sarah L Dersheamer](#)

1920 1930
Age
34 — 1886 1896
34 — 1886 1896
12 — 1908
10 — 1920
10 — 1920
58 — 1892

Vera F. Davis

Gender: F (Female)
Death Place: Dunmore
Cause of Death: Alzheimer's
Obituary Date: 16 Aug 2011

1920
58
1892

Birth Date: Aug 1830
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1900: Northmoreland, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
[Wyoming]
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relation to Head of House: Head
Marital Status: Single
Father's Birthplace: New York
Mother's Birthplace: New York
Occupation: [View on Image](#)
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
Household Members:
[Shabel Durland](#)
[Phebe Ann Durland](#)

Age
69
64

Aug 1830
Sister, Feb 1836
Both single



Nancy Durland

Father:
Mother:
Birth Date:
City:
County:
State:

Shuble Rowley Durland
Elizabeth Mcconnell
29 Apr 1809
Chester
Orange
NY



Nancy Whitlock

Age in 1860: 51
Birth Year: abt 1809
Birthplace: New York
Home in 1860: Northmoreland, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Female
Post Office: Centermoreland
Value of real estate: [View image](#)

	Name	Age
Household Members:	Aaron Whitlock	54
	Nancy Whitlock	51
	Hannah Wood	14



Elizabeth Darling

[\[Elizabeth Durland\]](#)
[\[Elizabeth Durling/Durland\]](#)

Age in 1860: 70
Birth Year: abt 1790
Birthplace: New York
Home in 1860: Northmoreland, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Female
Post Office: Centermoreland
Value of real estate: [View image](#)

	Name	Age
Household Members:	Shubell Darling	73
	Elizabeth Darling	70
	Marrilla Darling	32
	Shubell Darling	30
	Phebe Darling	25
	Louisa Darling	4



Sheebal R Durland
[Shubal R Durland]

Home in 1840 (City, County, State):	Northmoreland, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29:	3
Free White Persons - Males - 50 thru 59:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	2
Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49:	1

S R Derling

[\[S R Durling/Durland\]](#)

Age in 1870: 73
Birth Year: abt 1797
Birthplace: New York
Home in 1870: Northmoreland, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Post Office: Centermoreland
Value of real estate: [View image](#)

	Name	Age
Household Members:	S R Derling	73
	Shuble Derling	40
	P A Derling	36
	Louisa Derling	14
	L Dimond	18

Shabel Durland

Age: 69

m. Lihke Clark 1887

1860 — ^{Child} 1 with parents
1870 — 11 with Andw. Dewitt
1880 — 20 " " "
1900 — ~~46~~ C.A. + Lihke
1910 — 50 with Bessie
1920 — 60 with Bessie
1930 — 70 head with Bessie

Neighbors:[View others on page](#)**Name**[E A Durland](#)**Household Members:**[Libbie Durland](#)[Dewitt F Durland](#)[Dora Durland](#)

Head, wife, son, daughter, Pa PA PA farmer

✓ [Elieel Durlind](#)[\[Elieel Durland\]](#)**Age:**

20

Birth Year:

abt 1860

Birthplace:

Pennsylvania

Home in 1880:

Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Race:

White

Gender:

Male

Marital Status:

Single

Father's Birthplace:

Pennsylvania

Mother's Birthplace:

Pennsylvania

Neighbors:[View others on page](#)**Occupation:**

Farm Laborer

Cannot read/write:**Blind:****Deaf and dumb:****Otherwise disabled:****Idiotic or insane:**[View image](#)**Name**[A. M. De Wett](#)[Hannah De Wett](#)**Household Members:**[Alvin De Wett](#)[Bertha De Wett](#)[Elieel Durlind](#)[Margarett De Wett](#)

Elieel is called a servant, and a farm laborer

1910 census of Falls[Elieel Durland](#)[Bessie Durland](#)[De Witt Durland](#)[Dora Durland](#)

Bessie says wife, Elieel says he is a house painter.

Have been married just one year, and this is his second marriage

1920 Census of Falls**Name**[Elial Durland](#)[Bessie Durland](#)[Elial W Durland](#)[Vera Durland](#)[Annabel Durland](#)

Elial is a painter

George Durland may have moved to Minnesota and raised a family.

A George of the right age is there from 1900 on.

1900

Age

46 — 1854
 32 — 1868
 3 — 1897
 2 — 1898

1880

Age

45 — 1835
 40 — 1840
 10 — 1870
 8 — 1872
 20 — 1860
 44 — 1836

1880
 45
 — 35

1910

50 — 1860
 23 — 1887
 13 — 1897
 12 — 1898

1920

Age

60 — 1860
 33 — 1887
 9 — 1911
 5 — 1915
 2 — 1917
 [2 11/12] — 1917

✓

Age in 1870:
Birth Year:
Birthplace:
Home in 1870:
Race:
Gender:
Post Office:
Value of real estate:

Elide Duling
[\[Elide Duling\]](#)
 11
 abt 1859
 Pennsylvania
 Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
 White
 Male
 Falls
[View image](#)
Name
[Andw Demilt](#)
[Hannah Demilt](#)
[James A Demilt](#)
[Joseph Hunter](#)
[Elide Duling](#)

Household Members:

Age
 36 — 1834
 30 — 1840
 7/12 — 1869
 20 — 1850
 11 — 1859

Elide, a male, born in PA
 Probably this is Andrew C. Dewitt

✓

Eliel A Durland
 [Ehel A Durland]

Gender:
Birth Year:
Birthplace:
Race:
Home in 1930:
Marital Status:
Relation to Head of House:
Spouse's Name:
Father's Birthplace:
Mother's Birthplace:
Occupation:
Education:
Military Service:
Rent/home value:
Age at first marriage:
Parents' birthplace:
Neighbors:

Male
 abt 1860
 Pennsylvania
 White
 Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
[View Map](#)
 Married
 Head
 Bessie M Durland
 Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Military Service:
 Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
[View image](#)
[View others on page](#)
Name
[Eliel A Durland](#)
[Bessie M Durland](#)
[Eliel W Durland](#)
[Vera W Durland](#)
[Rosena A Durland](#)
[Delmar N Durland](#)

Household Members:

1870
 36
 1834

1930
Age
 70 — 1860
 43 — 1887
 19 — 1911
 15 — 1915
 13 — 1917
 7
 [7 5/12]

1923 —

✓

Libbie Durland

Age:
Birth Date:
Birthplace:
Home in 1900:
Race:
Gender:
Relation to Head of House:
Marital Status:
Spouse's Name:
Marriage Year:
Years Married:
Father's Birthplace:
Mother's Birthplace:
Mother: number of living children:
Mother: How many children:
Occupation:

32
 Sep 1867
 Pennsylvania
 Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
 [Wyoming]
 White
 Female
 Wife
 Married
 E A Durland
 1887
 13
 Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania
 2
 2
[View on Image](#)

✓ Marriage to Elizabeth Holmes

1846— Age: 19

Franklin, Venango, Pennsylvania, United States

~

Hugh McDonald Durland

M 1824 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA





Elizabeth Durland

F 1825 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA

William S. Durland, children

- Amanda Durland
 - Cora Durland
 - Heneretta Durland
 - Jiles Durland
 - James Durland1840 –
 - Eliel Durland1859 – 1932
-
- Eliel Armstrong Durland1860 – 1932
 - Gerret Durland1794 – 1863
 - Rosella Eaton1798 – 1876

Spouse & Children

- Elizabeth Holmes1830 –
- 
- Abraham H Durland1849 – 1852
- Henrietta O Durland1853 – 1885
- 
- James Durland1854 – 1870
- Giles Durland1857 –
- George Durland1858 –
- 
- Eliel Armstrong Durland1860 – 1932
- Amanda R Durland1862 – 1948
- 
- William S Durland 1864-1867

Spouse's Name: Spencer E Sweet
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Mother's Name: Elizabeth Rosencrance
Mother's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name
[Spencer E Sweet](#)
[Amanda R Sweet](#)
[Elizabeth Rosencrance](#)

Age
53 - 1857
47 - 1863
80 - 1830

Elizabeth Rosenkrantz

Age in 1870: 40
Birth Year: abt 1830
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1870: Ransom, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Race: White
Gender: Female
Post Office: Pittston
Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name
[Wm Rosenkrantz](#)
[Elizabeth Rosenkrantz](#)
[Amanda Rosenkrantz](#)
[Arvilla B Rosenkrantz](#)

Age
39 - 1831
40 - 1830
8 - 1862
3 - 1867

Shuble Rowley Durland

Born: 30 Nov 1787
Greenville, Orange, New York, USA
Died: 26 Nov 1870
Northumberland, Luzerne, Pennsylvania, USA

Elizabeth McConnell

Born: Oct 1790 in Greenville, Orange, New York, USA
Died: 27 Jul 1864 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania, USA

Marriage: 1809 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA

[View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Elizabeth Dorlandt	F	
William Durland	M	28 Feb 1816 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Nancy Durland	F	29 Apr 1809 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Garrett Durland	M	1810 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Jane Durland	F	11 Dec 1811 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Marilla Durland	F	1818 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Shuble Durland	M	1820 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA
Phebe Ann Durland	F	1823 in Chester, Orange, New York, USA

✓ William Derling
[William Durland]

Age in 1860: 34
Birth Year: abt 1826
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1860: Falls, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Post Office: Falls
Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Name
[William Derling](#)
[Elizabeth Derling](#)
[Henrietta Derling](#)
[James Derling](#)
[Giles Derling](#)
[Elid Derling](#)
[Rebecca Dailey](#)
[Hannah Holmes](#)

Household Members:

William S Durland

Father:
Mother:
Birth Date:
City:
County:
State:

Gerret Durland
Rosella Eaton
21 Jul 1827
Franklin
Venango
PA

✓ Elizabeth Rosengrant

Age: 50
Birth Year: abt 1830
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1880: Franklin, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Race: White
Gender: Female
Relation to Head of House: Wife
Marital Status: Married
Spouse's Name: D.W. Rosengrant
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Mother's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
Occupation: Keeping House
Cannot read/write:

Blind:

Deaf and dumb:

Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

[View image](#)

Name

[D.W. Rosengrant](#)
[Elizabeth Rosengrant](#)
[Blanche Rosengrant](#)
[Ernest Rosengrant](#)
[George Durland](#)
[Amanda Durland](#)

Household Members:

✓ Amanda R Sweet
[Rosencrance]

Age in 1910: 47
Birth Year: abt 1863
[1863]
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1910: Clinton, Wyoming, Pennsylvania
Race: White
Gender: Female
Relation to Head of House: Wife
Marital Status: Married

Age

34 — 1826
30 — 1830
7 — 1853
5 — 1855
3 — 1859
1 — 1859
30 — 1830
65 — 1895

Age

49 — 1831
50 — 1830
12 — 1858
6 — 1864
22 — 1858
18 — 1862